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MINUTES

OF THE

SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 4th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James McLene,
Stephen Balliet,	Jonathan Hoge,
John Boyd,	John Neville, and
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Henry Townly, for his pay as a private of Ensign Freeland's company of militia on the frontiers of Northumberland county, was read and approved.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, vizt:

In favor of Captain William Crawford, of the tenth battalion of Lancaster county militia, for four pounds thirteen shillings and ten pence, for militia services in the years 1777, 1778 and 1779.

In favor of Captain James Watson, of the militia aforesaid, for four pounds thirteen shillings and ten pence, for militia services as aforesaid.

In favor of Lieutenant Andrew M'Ilvaine, of the militia aforesaid, one pound seventeen shillings, for militia services as aforesaid.

In favor of Lieutenant John Hilpatrick, of the militia aforesaid, for one pound seventeen shillings, for militia services as aforesaid.

In favor of Captain Emanuel Carpenter, of the militia aforesaid, for seven pounds twelve shillings and ten pence, for militia services as aforesaid, to be paid out of the militia fines of the county of Lancaster.

In favor of Captain James Persons, for twenty pounds eleven shillings and eight pence, in full of his account of expences in apprehending and securing Benjamin Nugent, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Agents for selling Confiscated Estates in the county of Berks, were directed to proceed to sell by public vendue, on Friday the twelfth day of May next, such part of the estate of Andrew Allen (generally called the Big Spring) as may yet remain unsold, first dividing the same in such manner as may be most convenient, provided only, that one part be left sufficiently large to discharge the incumbrances to which the estate may be subject.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 5th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James McLene,
Stephen Balliet,	Jonathan Hoge,
John Boyd,	John Neville, and
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg.

Agreeably to the order of the third instant, Council proceeded to the election of five Commissioners, under the resolution of Assembly of the twenty-third of March last, when the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Doctor John Ewing and David Rittenhouse, Rober Milligan and George Lattimer, Esquires, were elected.

Wednesday next was appointed for going into the appointment of the Commissioners provided by resolution of Assembly of the twenty-first day of March last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 6th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Stephen Balliet,	Jonathan Hoge,	} Esquires.
John Boyd,	John Neville, and	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
James McLene,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Alexander Patterson, for twelve pounds ten shillings, being expences incurred, under an order of Council of the twelfth day of January last.

Warrants for the execution of Josiah Rammage and John Hannah, convicted of murder at the late Court of Oyer and Terminer

held for the county of Franklin, passed the State seal, their execution to take place on Wednesday the third day of May next.

On petition of William Hay, late Collector of Excise for the county of Lancaster,

Ordered, That the sale of the estate of the said Hay on the suit of the Commonwealth, be suspended for six months from the date of this order, and that the Sheriff of the county aforesaid be directed to govern himself accordingly.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Jones, Esquire, for seventy-four pounds four shillings and six pence, being the ballance due by the State upon his account as Health Officer, from the first day of January, 1785, to the first day of January, 1786, and for sundry repairs done to the Marine Hospital, according to the Comptroller General's report.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the petition of Colonel Thomas Forrest, and the several papers accompanying the same, relative to his claims to city lots under old rights, be referred to the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 7th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville, and	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

The fine imposed upon Joseph Smith, on conviction of larceny in the city and county of Philadelphia, was remitted, on condition that he depart the State immediately, not to return again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 8th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James M'Lene,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville, and	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

The Surveyor General named for the consideration of Council, Robert Galbraith, Esquire, of Bedford county, to measure and as-

certain the boundaries of the several districts between the Canoe place on the West Branch of the Susquehanna, and the Kittanning on the Allegheny river. This nomination was approved by Council, and an order made that the Surveyor General direct Mr. Galbraith to proceed upon this business immediately.

The fine imposed upon John Otto, on conviction of larceny, was remitted.

A resolution of the House appointing Percifor Frazier, Esquire, Recorder of Deeds and Register of the Probate of Wills and granting letters of administration, in the county of Chester, was read, and commissions issued agreeably thereto.

John Luther, Esquire, was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the district of Earl, in the county of Lancaster, upon a return made agreeably to law; Mr. Luther was also appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

A deed was signed by the Honorable the Vice President to John Clyde, for a tract of land of one hundred acres, situate in Allen township in the county of Northampton, late the estate of Andrew Allen, an attainted traitor, consideration £298 17 6. Deed dated the first day of March, 1786.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 10th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Hill,	Mr. M'Lene,
Mr. Balliet,	Mr. Muhlenberg,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Neville.
Mr. Whitehill,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the trustees of Dickinson College, for five hundred pounds, agreeably to act of Assembly dated the seventh instant, for the purposes mentioned in the said act.

In favor of the Honorable James McLene, Esquire, for forty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the twelfth instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of William Rees, for fifteen pounds, for the further improvement of the State House lot, agreeably to acts of Assembly dated the twentieth of February, 1735–6, and fourteenth of May, 1762, and resolution of Assembly dated the 22nd September, 1783, for which sum he is to account.

Council took into consideration the case of Mathias Aspden, and thereupon, it was

Ordered, That he be pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 11th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Mr. Whitehill,
Samuel Dean,	Mr. McLene,
Mr. Balliet,	Mr. Muhlenberg, and
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Neville.

Agreeably to the order of Wednesday the fifth instant, Council proceeded to the election of five Commissioners under the resolution of Assembly of the twenty-first of March last, when it appeared that the following gentleman were chosen, vizt: Robert Morris, George Clymer, John Armstrong, Junior, Thomas Fitzimmons, and Tench Coxe, Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel William Henry, for one hundred and fifty pounds, for defraying the contingent expenses of exercising the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for which sum he is to account, to be paid out of the militia fines of the said city and liberties of Philadelphia.

Upon the petition of Robert Biggs, John Kinkaldy and Thomas Smith, convicted of a riot and now confined in the jail of this city, it was

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to be paid by them to the use of the State, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 12th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire,

And as yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 13th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, John Whitehill,
Stephen Balliet, Peter Muhlenberg, and } Esquires.
John Boyd, John Neville,

Upon the petition of Isaac Taylor, of Lancaster, county,

Ordered, That the sale of a tract of land situate in the township of Sadsbury, and county of Chester, late the property of Thomas Bulla, the elder, be postponed until the farther orders of Council.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Douglass, for ten pounds two shillings and six pence, in full for inlisting twenty-seven men for the regiment commanded by Colonel Josiah Harmer, in August and September, 1785.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 14th, 1786.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill, John Whitehill,
Stephen Balliett, Peter Muhlenberg, and } Esquires.
John Boyd, John Neville,

The petition of Williamina Bond, praying the pardon of her son Phineas Bond, attainted of high treason, was read, and the consideration thereof postponed untill Tuesday next.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for twenty-five pounds one shilling, in full of his account for his attendance at this Board until this day, inclusively, and mileage.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General of the State, and ending the thirteenth instant.

The following notice was put into the hands of the Receiver General of the Land Office, for publication, vizt: Notice is hereby given, that agreeably to an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth entitled "An Act for directing the sale of such of the city lots as remain the property of the State, and for disposing of the house and lots in High street, in the city of Philadelphia, late the estate of Joseph Galloway, and forfeited to this Common-

wealth, the mansion and lots adjoining on Market street, containing in breadth on the south side of said street sixty feet, and in length or depth on Sixth street one hundred and eighty feet, late the property of Joseph Galloway, as aforesaid, will be exposed to public sale at the Old Coffee House in this city, on Wednesday the third day of May next, and between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon, and two o'clock of the afternoon of that day. Conditions of sale: gold or silver money, bills of credit of this State of the last emission, depreciation certificates, or other certificates of debts due by this State on which interest is receivable at the Treasury of this Commonwealth, will be received in payment. One-third part of the consideration money to be paid within three days after the day of sale, another third part in one month thereafter, and the remaining third part within two months from the day of sale; possession of the premises to be given on a certificate from the Receiver General of the Land Office that payment has been made of one-third part of the consideration money, and good and sufficient security given for the payment of the remainder, agreeably to the preceding terms.

The fine imposed upon Thomas Wigley, upon conviction of larceny in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 17th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Stephen Balliet, General Neville,
Peter Muhlenberg, William Brown, and
John Whitehill, John Boyd,
Jonathan Hoge,
} Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 18th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Stephen Balliet, General Neville,
Peter Muhlenberg, William Brown, and
John Whitehill, John Boyd,
Jonathan Hoge,
} Esquires.

Present also, his Excellency Balliet.

The petition of Frederick Wilt, stating his claim to the arrearages of a pension, was read, and referred to Edward Shippen, Esquire.

A reconsideration of the petition of Mrs. Bond, in favor of her son Phineas Bond, was had, and an order taken that the operation of the attainder to which he is now liable, be suspended until the end of the next session of the General Assembly.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain William McCurdy, of the first American regiment, for fifty-one dollars, being the bounty paid to seventeen recruits inlisted by him and discharged by Major William North, on the fourteenth day of November, 1785.

A dispute having arisen between William Maclay, Esquire, Deputy Surveyor of district number eighteen, and Samuel Edmiston, Deputy Surveyor of district number seventeen, touching the partition line between these districts, and the same being submitted to Council, the following order was taken thereon, vizt: that a straight line be run from the tree on the bank of Lycóming creek, marked by William McClay, two miles up the creek aforesaid, the termination of which shall be taken as the point of beginning of a line of partition to be run by the parties severally, or by either of them.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 19th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown,
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville, and
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Boyd.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved:

Of Hugh Sprouls, of the county of Washington, for a horse lost on the Sandusky expedition.

Of Joseph Brown, of said county, for rations furnished to the militia employed on the said expedition.

Of Thomas Brown, of said county, for rations furnished as aforesaid.

Of William McGlaughlin, of the said county, for pork furnished for the use of the militia, when in service on the frontiers of Washington county, in 1782.

Enoch Edwards, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the county of Philadelphia, upon a return made according to law for the district of the townships of Oxford, Lower Dublin, and Biberry.

On a letter from Samuel Hodgson, Esquire, Commissary of Military Stores, stating that on the twenty-third day of September, 1782, he delivered, on the order of William Maclay, Esquire, for the use of this State, forty rifle musquets, which were deposited, and still remain, on the banks of the Susquehannah river; that these arms are now wanted by the United States; and that he has it in command from the Secretary at War, to request that an order may issue for the same; therefore,

Resolved, That Mr. John Harris, or such other person as may have the arms aforesaid in keeping for the State, do deliver them to Mr. Samuel Hodgson, or order, taking only an acknowledgment of their delivery.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Bernard Merkle, an Invalid, for the sum of thirty pounds, in part of his pension, according to act of Assembly dated the twenty-second day of September, 1785, for which sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 20th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,
Samuel Dean,
Stephen Balliet,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Also, Mr. Boyd.

John Whitehill,
William Brown, and
John Neville.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Neville, for the sum of twenty-five pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain James Duncan, for eleven pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for his services while superintending the marking of paper for public use, according to the Comptroller General's report.

On application of Jane Armstrong, widow of William Armstrong, late of Chester county, stating that by the last will and testament of said William, the estate devised to Francis and William Armstrong, and since forfeited to the use of the Commonwealth, by their attainder of high treason, is subject to the annual payment of five pounds to her, and also to the keeping of a cow for her use during her life, and praying that the sale of the said estate may be postponed, it was

Ordered, That the Agents for the sale of Confiscated Estates in the said county, be directed to postpone the sale of the said estate for and during the natural life of the said Jane Armstrong.

The accounts of Mr. James Pearson, for repairs done to the State House, and of cash expended in improving the State House lot, were referred to Messieurs Thomas Neville and William Colladay, for their consideration and opinion thereon, and they were desired to report to Council as early as possible.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 21st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,
Samuel Dean,
Stephen Balliet,
John Whitehill, and
Peter Muhlenberg.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Elizabeth Baxter, for eighty-four pounds seven shillings and six pence, being the half of her late husband's pay, Colonel William Baxter, late of the Flying Camp, of this State, from the thirteenth of September, 1785, until the thirteenth day of March last, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 22nd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,
Samuel Dean,
Stephen Balliet,
John Whitehill, and
Peter Muhlenberg.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twelve pounds specie, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mark Wilcox, for one hundred and twenty pounds, in full of his account for the paper furnished for the new loan certificates, according to the Comptroller's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 24th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg,
Samuel Dean, John Whitehill.
Stephen Balliet,

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Walentine Eckhart and Joseph Barnett, the former for sixteen pounds and ten pence, and the latter for twenty pounds one shilling and six pence, State money, in full for principal and interest due upon their certificates for horses furnished by them respectively, for public service, according to the Comptroller General's report, and a resolution of Assembly of the 8th of April, 1782.

Upon the petition of Sarah Brice, convicted of adultery at the present Sessions of the Supreme Court for the city and county of Philadelphia, it was

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid by the said Sarah Brice, to the use of the Commonwealth, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 25th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Henry Hill, John Whitehill,
Samuel Dean, William Brown, and } Esquires.
Stephen Balliett, Peter Muhlenberg,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Whitehead Humphreys, for three hundred pounds, according to an act of Assembly dated the eighth instant, to be applied to the uses mentioned in the said act.

The fine imposed upon Archibald McCowan, convicted of larceny at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia county, held the fifth of September, 1785, was remitted.

Cornelius Barnes and Jonathan Smith, junior, attended in Council, and were sworn and affirmed to the faithful execution of their several duties as Clerks to Thomas Smith, Esquire, Loan office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 26th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown, and	
Stephen Balliet,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

Captain Stiles, Commissary of military stores, was directed to deliver to Colonel Joseph Marsh eighty-two empty cannon cartridges; and to Colonels William Will, Benjamin G. Eyre and Matthew Holegate, two hundred weight of gunpowder, in the following proportions, vizt: to Colonel William Will seventy-five weight, to Colonel Benjamin G. Eyre seventy-five weight, and to Colonel Matthew Holegate fifty weight, for the use of the militia under their command, at their next meeting.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 27th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill and
Samuel Dean,	William Brown.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Commissioners for running and marking the Northern boundary of this State, for one hundred and fifty pounds specie, to enable them to enter upon the business of their appointment, for which sum they are to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 28th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill, and
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Whitehill, Esquire, for fifty pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of Colonel William Coats, for thirty pounds fifteen shillings, for defraying the contingent expences of exercising the militia of the county of Philadelphia, for which sum he is to account, to be paid out of the militia fines of the said county.

In favor of James McCutcheon, for the sum of fifty-three pounds ten shillings and six pence, in full of his account for beef furnished to a number of East Indians, under a resolution of Assembly dated the seventh day of November, 1785.

In favor of Messieurs James Smith, Francis Silvers and John Boggs, Commissioners for laying out a road from Miller's Spring, in Cumberland county, to Pittsburg, for the sum of one hundred pounds, towards defraying the expence of laying out the said road, according to act of Assembly dated the twenty-first day of September, 1785, for which they are to account.

In favor of Francis Bailey, for one hundred and two pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence, in full of his account for printing work done for Council, until this day, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the petition of Catherine Miller and Elizabeth Ohara, convicted of larceny at the present sessions of the City Court, and recommendations in their favor from the said court, it was

Ordered, That the fines and corporal punishment to which they were respectively sentenced, be remitted.

The fine and punishment of John Smith Lestor, convicted of the same offence, at the said court, was, in consideration of the particular circumstances of the case, remitted.

Two deeds were signed by the Hon'ble the Vice President, viz:

To Anthony Cuthbert, for city lots number 1700 and 1701; Cons'd'n £327 0 0; and to Mr. Joseph Carson, for city lots numbered from 1592 to 1532, inclusively: Consideration £173 0 0. Sold for the redemption of the bills of credit dated the 29th day of April, 1780. Deeds dated 26th April, 1786.

The fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by Philip Huffnagle, Arthur McGaraty, Christian Peters and Peter Rooney, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, were remitted.

An order was taken that Colonel Josiah Harmer be desired to pay to Captain McCurdy thirty-six dollars, being money advanced by him in inlisting twelve recruits, that were inrolled in Captain Ziegler's company.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Mr. Rittenhouse, desiring him to settle with Mr. John Dunlap for the city lots that have fallen to his share, under an agreement between him and Mr. James Budden.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 29th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,
Henry Hill,	Stephen Balliet,
William Brown,	John Whitehill.

Everard Gruber, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of the townships of Strasburg and Lampeter, in the county of Lancaster, and also a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirtieth instant, inclusively.

A petition from the Minister of the Lutheran church in the city of Albany, praying liberty to collect monies from the pious and benevolent in this State, for the purpose of building a house for public worship, was read; and thereupon

Resolved, That the said Minister be informed that Council have no objection to his setting on foot a subscription for the purpose mentioned in the petition.

Council proceeded to the election of an Inspector of the militia of this State; and the ballots being taken, it appeared that Francis Mentges, Esquire, was unanimously elected.

A petition signed by five hundred and forty-eight inhabitants of the county of Dauphine, praying that Council would be pleased to suspend the infliction of any fines or penalties on the Commissioners of the said county, for having declined to assess and levy monies on the inhabitants, for the purpose of building a court-house and prison, at a place so inconvenient as Harris's Ferry, until the event of the remonstrance and petition now before the General Assembly, praying that the seat of justice be appointed at a more convenient part of the county, is determined by the Legislature, was read, and the prayer thereof granted.

A deed was signed by the Vice President for fourteen acres and thirty-four perches of land, situate in Tinicum township, in the county of Bucks, late of Evan Thomas, an attainted traytor, sold to George Benner, at public auction. Deed dated this day.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May the 1st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Stephen Balliet,	Henry Hill, and	} Esquires.
William Brown,	Samuel Dean,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

Captain Joseph Stiles was directed to deliver to Colonel John Shee, or order, the sum of fifty weight of gunpowder, for the use of the militia of his battalion, at their next meeting.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May the 2nd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
Stephen Balliet,	John Woods,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May the 3rd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	} Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	John Woods, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Samuel Dean,	

Friday next, the fifth instant, was assigned for going into the appointment of a Prothonotary, Clerk of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Orphans' Court, &ca., for the county of York, become vacant by the death of Archibald M'Clean, Esquire.

Mr. Balliet attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

The Auctioneer of the city of Philadelphia was directed to proceed to the sale of the house and lot of ground, sixty feet front on the south side of Market street, and one hundred and eighty feet

in depth on the east side of Sixth street from Delaware, clear of all incumbrances whatever, save only forty-four dollars per annum, payable to William Attmore, or his assigns, from the first day of December last.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May the fourth, 1786.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 5th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg,
Samuel Dean, William Brown, and } Esquires.
Stephen Balliet, John Woods,

An order was taken that Captain Joseph Stiles be directed to furnish one horseman's tent, for the use of the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the northern boundary of Pennsylvania, they to be accountable.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Mr. Stephen Porter, for one hundred and fifty-three pounds three shillings and five pence, in full of his account for sundry expences attending the running and marking the Western boundary of this State.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds seven shillings and six pence, in full for his wages as Door-keeper, for the month of April, and cash paid for a new key for the Council door.

Upon the petition of Bridget Edgsworth, convicted of larceny at the Sessions of the City Court, held in April last, it was

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Bridget Edgsworth, and her corporal punishment, be remitted.

The fine imposed upon Joseph Hibbs, payable to the use of the State, upon conviction of larceny at the same Court, was remitted.

A memorial from sundry officers of the late Pennsylvania line, stating that large bodies of excellent land remain yet unsurveyed on the waters of Beaver river, in the donation land, very far superior in value, quality, and situation, to the lands in district number nine, and praying that the number of lots designed for the ninth district

may be surveyed on the aforesaid waters, by the Surveyor appointed to said district, was read and referred to the Surveyor General, who is directed to comply with the prayer of the said petition.

Agreeably to the order of Wednesday the third instant, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the county of York, become vacant by the death of Archibald McClean, Esquire, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Henry Miller, Esquire, was appointed.

Commissions were issued accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May the 6th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, V. Presid't.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Woods, and	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	

The fine imposed upon Richard Skinner, upon conviction of larceny at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Philadelphia the seventh day of March last, was remitted.

Matthew Holegate, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of the townships of Germantown and Roxborough, and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Philadelphia.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Stephen Balliet, Esquire, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirtieth day of April, 1786, inclusively.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Jane Roberts, for seventy-five pounds, being her pension for one year, ending the first day of April last, to be paid out of the proceeds of the estate of John Roberts, according to a decree of the Supreme Court.

On consideration of the proposals made by Clement Biddle, Esquire, for supplying with rations the Invalid Guard, consisting of one Lieutenant, two Serjeants, two Corporals, and eighteen privates,

Ordered, That nine pence per rations be allowed—the ration to consist of beef one pound, or three quarters of a pound of pork; one gill of country rum; one quart of salt; one quart of vinegar;

two pounds of soap; and one pound of candles, to every hundred rations.

The accounts to be passed and paid every three months.

Samuel Jones Esquire, Deputy Surveyor of district number three of the depreciation lands, laid before Council a draft of one hundred lots surveyed by him, being the easternmost part of the said district; upon which it was

Ordered, That the same be sold at the Court House in the borough of Lancaster, on Monday the fifth day of June next.

An order was taken that the Commissioners for the sale of the Barracks lots be directed to sell the remainder of the said lots on Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of this month, reserving only the lots marked F. and G., and the strips of ground on the west side of Third street.

Upon consideration,

Ordered, That the Inspectors of Militia be directed to procure, as soon as possible, an exact account of all the public military stores in this State, and made report thereof to Council

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 8th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Woods, John Boyd, Stephen Balliet, William Brown, and Henry Hill, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday May 9th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, John Boyd, Stephen Balliet, William Brown and John Woods, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, for one hundred and seventy-five pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his at-

tendance in Congress until the third instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Commissioners for running and marking the north western boundary of this Commonwealth, for seven hundred pounds towards defraying the expence of running and marking the said boundary, for which sum they, the said Commissioners are to account.

In favor of Captain William Ferguson, for eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for inlisting fifty men for the corps commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Harmer.

The petition of John M'Ginnis, late one of the eighteen months' men from the county of Northampton, praying to be settled with for his pay while in the public service, was read and referred to the Comptroller General.

The Council met

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 10th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	Stephen Balliet,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Woods, and	
John Boyd,	William Brown,	

Alexander M'Lene, Esquire was appointed to assist Colonel Andrew Porter in the business of running and marking the western boundary of this Commonwealth, to the north-west corner thereof.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Andrew Porter, for one hundred pounds, to enable him to proceed upon the business aforesaid, for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, for thirty-two pounds, in full for his services as a Commissioner appointed under a resolution of Assembly of the thirty-first day of March, 1785, to examine the river Delaware and and its navigable branches, as far up as the Cushicton mountain.

A letter from the Honorable Charles Pettit, Esquire, in behalf of the delegation, dated the seventh of May, 1786, inclosing a printed form of a deed of cession about to be made to the United States, by the State of Connecticut, of part of that State's claim to western territory; and also a letter from the Board of Treasury to Congress, respecting the discharge of the additional Commissioner of Accounts appointed for Pennsylvania, was read.

A letter was written to the delegates in answer to the above mentioned letter, desiring that they will use their endeavours to obtain a delay of the determination of Congress till some day next

week, as great inconvenience to this State is apprehended to arise from an acceptance of the cession proposed by Connecticut, if made in the terms of the printed deed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 11th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Woods, and	
John Boyd,	Stephen Balliet,	

On application of Sharp Delany, Esquire.

Ordered, That the five casks of merchandize marked G H, numbered from 1 to 5, inclusively, containing scythes, cutting-knives and skaites, imported from Amsterdam, in the ship Bristol Captain Earle, and lodged in the Custom House, be exposed to sale, according to a law passed on the twenty-third day of December, 1780, for discharge of the duties.

A draft of a letter of instructions to the delegates of this State to Congress, was read and adopted as follows, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, May 11th, 1786.

GENTLEMEN:—Since the inclosed copy of my last, Council have had your letter under consideration, and we are apprehensive of disagreeable consequences from the cession, if made in the manner in which it is expressed.

We depend on your steady and vigilant opposition to every measure that may injure or weaken the claims and rights of Pennsylvania.

We conceive it would be proper to obtain a twelve months extension of time for the claimants to present their applications in Pennsylvania for the reasons you suggest; and desire Congress may be moved to grant such an extension. In regard to the additional Commissioner, it does not appear to be of so much consequence.

With great regard and esteem, I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, President.

The Honorable the Delegates of Pennsylvania in Congress.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 12th, 1786.

PRESENT:

Mr. Hill,
Mr. Balliet,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Woods,
Mr. Boyd, and
Mr. Dean.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 13th, 1786.

PRESENT:

As yesterday, and Mr. Muhlenberg.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 15th, 1786.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 16th, 1786.

PRESENT:

As yesterday, & Mr. Whitehill.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 17th, 1786.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 18th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,
Stephen Balliet,
John Whitehill,
John Boyd,
William Brown,
John Woods,
Peter Muhlenberg, and
Johnathan Hoge.

Ordered, That the Commissioners for the sale of the Barrack ground, be directed to sell on the day, mentioned in the order of

Council of the 6th instant, to wit:—the 27th instant—such lots as were struck off at former sales, and for which no money has been paid, payment to be made in gold or silver money, or paper money of this State of the last emission, in the manner directed by act of Assembly dated the first of April, 1784.

The Council met

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 19th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Woods,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Boyd,	Jonathan Hoge,	

Stephen Balliet, Esquire, was appointed a Commissioner to view, survey and lay out a State highway, from the Lehigh Water Gap in the county of Northampton, in as direct and straight a manner as the circumstances of the country and the situation of the ground will admit, to Wioming, in the county of Northumberland, which highway, throughout the whole length of the same, is to be of the breadth of sixty feet.

The fine imposed upon Thomas Knight, on conviction of larceny at the City Court held the twenty-fifth day of October, 1784, was remitted.

On application of Jacob Fautz, Collector of public taxes in Strasburgh township, in the county of Lancaster,

Ordered, That all farther proceedings against the said Jacob Fautz, for the recovery of a sum of money due to the Commonwealth for taxes collected by him, and which he alleges he has been robbed of, be suspended until the end of the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Major William Armstrong was appointed Commissary and Surveyor to the Commissioners for running and marking the northern boundary of this Commonwealth, and it was agreed to allow him fifteen shillings per day for every day he shall be employed in the said business.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 20th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,	John Boyd, and	
Stephen Balliet,	John Woods,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the nineteenth instant, inclusively.

Lewis Weiss, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace in and for the city and county of Philadelphia, upon a return made according to law, for South Mulberry ward.

Upon the petition of Timothy Connor, convicted of a misdemeanor in the county of Lancaster, it was

Ordered, That the pilloring to which he was sentenced by the Court, be remitted.

Ordered, That the city lots No. 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 508, 509, 510, 511, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1245, 1246, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1592, 1593, 1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630, 1631, 1753, 1754, 1766, 1767, 1768, and 1771, which have reverted to the Commonwealth, be sold at the old Coffee House, in this city, on Saturday, the tenth day of June next, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and two of the clock in the afternoon, according to an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, intituled "An Act for directing the said sale of such of the city lots as remain the property of the State, and for disposing of the house and lots in High street, in the city of Philadelphia, late the estate of Joseph Galloway, and forfeited to this Commonwealth," and that the conditions of sale be as follows: Gold or silver money, depreciation certificates, or other certificates of debts due by this State, on which interest is receivable at the Treasury of this Commonmonwealth, and the bills of credit of this State of the last emission, will be received in payment; one-third part of the consideration money to be paid within three days after the sale, another third in one month thereafter, and the remaining third part within two months of the days of sale.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 22nd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Woods,	

Abraham Cable and James Wells, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace for the districts of the townships of Brothers Valley and Quemahoning, in the county of Bedford, upon returns made according to law.

Abraham Cable and James Wells, Esquires, were also appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Bedford.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Blathwaite Jones, for his services as an engineer employed at Billingsport and other places on the Delaware, in the years 1777 and 1778, was read and approved, and an order drawn for eighty pounds, in part of the ballance due upon the same, payable out of the money due from Samuel Penrose, Esquire, for arrears of rent for Province Island, a certificate to issue for the remainder.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Brown, Esquire, for twenty-seven pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the twenty-second day of May, 1786, inclusively.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Mr. Brown, for one pound six shillings and eight pence, in full of his account for four days' service employed in search of Tories in the year 1777, by order of Colonel Rodgers, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 23rd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown, and
Jonathan Hoge,	John Woods.

Upon the petition of John Cornall, convicted of horse stealing in the county of Lancaster, and a recommendation in his favor, it was

Ordered, That the punishment of cutting off both his ears, to which he was sentenced by the Court, be remitted.

The fines imposed upon John McDaniel, Patrick O'Harra, John McCrumm, and John Bennet, upon conviction of larceny, in the city of Philadelphia, were remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 24th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,
Samuel Dean,	John Woods,
Stephen Balliet,	Jonathan Hoge, and
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Boyd.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Matthew Carey & Company, for eighteen pounds sixteen shillings and ten pence, in full of his account for newspapers furnished to Council until the seventeenth instant, and for inserting proclamations of Council, &ca., according to the Comptroller General's report.

A petition from John Potts, attainted of high treason, praying a pardon, and a recommendation from a number of citizens in his favor, was read, and the consideration thereof postponed until Friday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 25th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Woods, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Whitehill,	
William Brown,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, for three pounds, in full for three days' attendance as one of the Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The fine imposed upon James Kerr, upon conviction of larceny at the City Court held in April last, was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Vice President, and ending the tenth instant.

Council took into consideration a petition from divers inhabitants of the district of Frankstown township, in the county of Bedford, complaining of irregular proceedings at the late election for Justices of the Peace in the said district; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the minute of the twenty-fourth of December last, appointing John Holliday a Justice of the Peace and of the Common Pleas for the county of Bedford, be rescinded, and the election set aside and made void.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 26th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Boyd, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Woods,	

Upon the petition of John Levering, convicted of keeping a tipling house in the county of Lancaster, and a recommendation in his favor, it was

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said John Levering, be remitted.

The petition of John Potts, attainted of high treason, praying a pardon, was read and considered, and an order taken that the operation of the attainder to which he is now liable, be suspended untill the end of the next session of the General Assembly.

John Gill and Lewis Weiss, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Philadelphia.

William Rush, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for North Mulberry Ward, in the city and county of Philadelphia.

William Rush, Esquire, was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Philadelphia.

The fine imposed upon John Smith Lester upon conviction of larceny, in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 27th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Woods, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Boyd,	

Letters were written to William Montgomery and William Shaw, Esquires, of Northumberland county, in answer to letters received from them containing intelligence of fresh disturbances at Wioming.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 29th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Woods,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Whitehill,	

The fines imposed upon Morgan McNamaira, alias Morgan O. Bryan and William Read, upon conviction of larceny at the January sessions (1786) of the City Court, were remitted.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved:

Of Francis Johnston, Esquire, Receiver General of the Land Office, for fees received and expenditures made in his office from November, 1785, untill January, 1786, inclusively.

Of ditto, for ditto, from the first day of February until the last day of April, 1786, inclusively.

Of David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary of the Land Office, for fees received and expenditures made in his office from the first day of November, 1785, until the last day of January, 1786, inclusively.

Of ditto, from ditto, from the first day of February to the last day of April, 1786, inclusively.

The Honorable General St. Clair and Mr. Wilson, two of the Delegates of Pennsylvania, attended and gave information to Council that the cession of lands from the State of Connecticut has been accepted by Congress, in such manner as will not (as they apprehend) interfere with the rights of Pennsylvania.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 30th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Woods.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,
Stephen Balliet,	John Whitehill, and
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge.
John Boyd,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Charles Dilworth, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Chester, for the sum of sixty pounds, for defraying the expence of exercising the militia of the said county, to be paid out the militia fines of the said county.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirty-first day of May, 1786, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable John Boyd, Esquire, for thirty-nine pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirty-first day of May, 1786, inclusively.

In favor of Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirty-first day of May, 1786, inclusively.

In favor of James McCutcheon, for twenty-four pounds one shilling and six pence, in full of his account for 963 lbs. of beef furnished to a number of the natives of China and India, under a resolution of Assembly dated the seventh day of November, 1785, according to the Comptroller General's report.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Surveyor General be directed to furnish Council with an accurate draft of all the lots within the city of Philadelphia which remain the property of the State, noting the boundary line between the public lots and those held by Baron and Hurst, under the verdict obtained in the Supreme Court in November, 1784.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 31st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Woods,
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,
Stephen Balliet,	John Whitehill, and
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge.
John Boyd,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Stephen Balliet, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the 31st day of May, 1786, inclusively.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June the 1st, 1786.

PRESENT:

As yesterday, (except the Vice President and Mr. Dean.)

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 2nd, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Woods,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
Stephen Balliett,	John Whitehill, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Boyd,		

Monday next was appointed for considering the cases of several persons now under sentence of death in the counties of Philadelphia, Chester and Lancaster.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Michael Shubart, Esquire, for thirty pounds three shillings, in full of his account for attending the printing the new

loan certificates, according to the direction of an act of General Assembly passed March the first, 1786, and cash paid for a key and twine for public use.

In favor of John Biddle, for thirty pounds three shillings, in full of his account for his services in attending the printing of the aforesaid certificates, &ca., and for cash paid for hawling an iron chest to and from the printing office.

In favor of the Honorable Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, for twenty-seven pounds, in full of his account for his services in Congress from the fifteenth untill the twenty-sixth of May, 1786, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June the 3rd, 1786.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	
Stephen Balliett,	John Boyd,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Woods,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Stephen Balliet, Esquire, for fifty pounds, towards defraying the expence of laying out a road from Lehigh, in Northampton county, to Wioming, in the county of Northumberland, according to an act of the General Assembly dated the twenty-third day of March last, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of William Rees, for nineteen pounds nine shillings and three pence, for the farther improvement of the State House lot, according to acts of Assembly dated the twentieth day of February, 1735–6, and fourteenth day of May, 1762, and resolution of Assembly dated the twenty-second day of September, 1783, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for £45 15 0, in full for his attendance in Council untill the thirty-first day of May, 1786, inclusively.

John Chapman, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Upper Makefield and Solebury, in Bucks county. Mr. Chapman was also commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 5th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,
John Whitehill,	John Boyd.
John Woods,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Walker, for seventeen pounds nine shillings and three pence, to be paid by him to Robert Falls, Samuel Logan, John Robb, James McSparren, Samuel Reagh, William Coulter, John Colvin, and John Mease, for their services in the militia from the twenty-second day of September until the eleventh of October, 1781, to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Lancaster.

Agreeably to the order of Friday last, Council took into consideration the cases of several persons now under sentence of death, vizt:

John Corran, convicted of burglary in the county of Philadelphia; John McDonough and Richard Shirtliffe, convicted severally of a rape in the county of Chester; and Timothy Cockly, convicted of a rape; and Henry Reigart, convicted of a burglary in the county of Lancaster; and thereupon, warrants for the execution of the said John McDonough and Richard Shirtliffe, on Saturday the seventeenth day of this present month, were directed to issue to the Sheriff of the county of Chester.

Agreed, that warrants for the execution of John Corran, Timothy Cockley, and Henry Reigart, be not now issued.

Ordered, That a reprieve be granted to Richard Shirtliffe until the farther order of Council, which the Sheriff is directed not to make known to him until he be taken under the gallows.

Mr. Dean attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 6th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Woods,
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,
Stephen Balliett,	John Boyd, and
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg.
William Brown,	

Upon the petition of John Burns, of the county of Fayette, it was

Ordered, That he be discharged from the payment mentioned in a recognizance entered into by him for the appearance of a certain Hugh Harris at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of said county, to answer a charge made against the said Harris by Elizabeth McGlauchlin, for an assault and battery.

John Wilson, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of the townships of Buckingham and Warwick, in the county of Bucks, upon a return made according to law. Mr. Wilson was also appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county.

Upon reconsidering the minute of May the nineteenth, Council agreed to allow Major William Armstrong twenty-five shillings per day for every day he shall actually be employed as Commissary and Surveyor to the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the northern boundary of this Commonwealth.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Samuel Davidson, for the services of the militia under his command while employed in 1781 in defending the county of Bedford.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 7th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Woods,
Samuel Dean,	John Boyd,
Stephen Balliet,	Peter Muhlenberg, and
John Whitehill,	William Brown.
Jonathan Hoge,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Major William Armstrong, for two hundred pounds, for purchasing the ne-

cessary stores for the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the northern boundary of this Commonwealth, for which sum he is to account.

Captain Joseph Stiles was directed to furnish to Major William Armstrong, for the use of the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the northern boundary of this Commonwealth, such stores in his possession as may be suitable and useful to the said Commissioners in the business aforesaid, taking receipts for the same, and for which the Commissioners are to be accountable.

Upon the petition of James Kelly, convicted of horse stealing, in the county of Philadelphia, it was

Ordered, That the cutting off both his ears, to which he was sentenced by the court, be remitted.

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of William Cooper, for 950 small pines, for pickets at Billingsport, in 1779, was read and approved.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Thomas Wright, for fifty pounds ten shillings and five pence State money, in full of his certificate for supplies of provisions furnished for public service.

In favor of Edward Bartholomew, for thirty-seven pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence State money; and in favor of Henry Weiand, for forty-one pounds sixteen shillings and four pence State money, being in full for principal and interest due upon their certificates for horses furnished by them respectively, for public use.

A petition from Alexander Carlisle, convicted of extortion, praying a pardon, so that the fine and disabilities under which he now labors may be released and removed, was read, together with a respectable recommendation in his favor; upon which it was

Ordered, That the prayer thereof be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June the 8th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Woods,	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown, and	
John Boyd,	John Whitehill,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble James Wilson, (a delegate from this State to Congress,) for one hundred pounds, for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Benjamin Towne, for six pounds twelve shillings, in full of his account for printing done for Council, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The petition of William Baker, administrator to the estate of William Totten, deceased, praying a settlement of the accounts of said Totten, for his services as a soldier in the late continental army, was read and referred to the Comptroller General.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Borden M'Kean, Esquire, for seventeen pounds eight shillings and seven pence, being the expences of the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Prothonotary and their servants, &ca., while travelling from Carlisle to Philadelphia, after finishing the Western Spring Circuit, on Saturday the twenty-seventh day of May last, at Carlisle aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 9th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Woods, and	
Stephen Balliet,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Whitehill,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Woods, Esquire, for forty-four pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively, and mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home.

In favor of Michael Shubart, Esquire, for seven pounds and three pence, in full of his account for signing bills of credit of the last emission, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Messieurs Bright and Salter, for forty-one pounds three shillings and two pence, in full of their account for ship bread furnished to a number of the natives of China and India, under a resolution of Assembly dated the seventh day of November, 1785.

Two deeds were signed by the Honorable the Vice President, to John Dunlap, for city lots No. 1377, 1378, 1380, 1594, 1595 and 1596, sold for £460 0 0, in bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780. Deeds dated the 9th of June, 1786.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 10th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,
Samuel Dean,
Stephen Balliet,
John Boyd,
John Whitehill,
Peter Muhlenberg, and
William Brown.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Samuel Dean, Esquire, for sixteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively.

Jacob Rosencrange, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of the townships of Delaware and Upper Smithfield, in the county of Northampton, upon a return made according to law.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Captain Robert Elton, for pay of his company of Chester county militia, for their services in the year 1777, under Colonel John Gardner, was read and approved, and an order drawn upon the Treasurer for one hundred and ninety-one pounds, amount of the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 12th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Stephen Balliet,
Samuel Dean,
William Brown,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Boyd,
Jonathan Hoge, and
John Whitehill,
} Esquires.

The fines imposed upon Thomas Johnston, Thomas Wilkinson, Alexander Alexander, Samuel Hamilton and Mary Morris, upon their several convictions of larceny, in the county of Philadelphia, were remitted.

A letter was written to John Franklin, William Hooker Smith, and John Jenkins, of Wioming, in answer to theirs dated in February last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 13th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,
Stephen Balliet,	Peter Muhlenberg, and
John Boyd,	William Brown.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer:

In favor of William Hooker Smith, for ten pounds, for defraying his expences from Wioming and returning on public business, advanced to him under an Act of Assembly dated the 24th of December, 1785.

In favor of the Honorable Stephen Balliet, Esquire, for eleven pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill the thirteenth instant, inclusively, and mileage going to Northampton county.

In favor of James M'Cutcheon, for twenty pounds seven shillings, for 814 lb of beef furnished to a number of the natives of China and India, according to resolution of Assembly dated the seventh day of November, 1785.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 14th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Stephen Balliet,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Boyd,	William Brown,	

A petition of Hudson Springer, stating that in the year 1778, a frame dwelling house was taken from him by the British troops and conveyed to the Fort at Billingsport, and praying that he may be permitted to remove the same to his own ground, was read and the prayer thereof granted.

A letter from the Managers of the State Lottery, of the thirteenth instant, was read, upon which it was

Ordered, That they be directed to receive the paper money of this State of the last emission, in payment for the tickets in the

third class, and that such persons as have paid in specie and wish to have it returned, may be indulged in receiving the same, paying the amount in the paper money aforesaid.

A letter from the Honorable John Bayard, and Charles Pettit, Esquires, two of the Delegates of Pennsylvania, of the ninth instant, was read, informing that the letter and inclosures from Council of the fourth instant, on the subject of fresh disturbances at Wioming, have been communicated to two of the Delegates from Connecticut.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 15th.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, V. President.

John Boyd,
Henry Hill,
Samuel Dean,
John Whitehill,
Jonathan Hoge,
Peter Muhlenberg,
William Brown.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, for one hundred and seven pounds twelve shillings and four pence, in full of his account for his salary as Attorney General of the State, until the first day of June instant.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Doctor John Peters, for medicine and attendance upon four wounded soldiers of Captain Boyd's Ranging company, and for medicine and attendance upon two sick soldiers of Captain Thomas Campbell's Ranging company, were read and approved.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain John Craig, for two hundred and fifty-four pounds two shillings and six pence, for the services of his company of Chester County Militia in 1781, under the command of Colonel John Gardner, to be paid out of the militia fines of the said county.

Ordered, That the city lots marked in the general plan number 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1375, 1376, 1595, 1597, 1599, and the residue of the lots remaining yet unsold, late the estate of Joseph Galloway, the same being divided into four parts or lots, lying and being sixty feet in depth on Minor street, and eighty-six feet on Sixth street from Delaware, be exposed to public

sale at the old Coffee House in this city, on Saturday the first day of July, next.

The petition of Malcolm McDonald, in behalf of Jeremiah Tatem, stating that a few casks of rum, which were part of the said Captain's adventure, have been seized by the Collector, for that the same were not entered according to law; that he is a stranger in this port, and had no intention to defraud the State of its dues, from the public manner in which he endeavored to make sale thereof, and praying Council to permit the said rum to be entered on paying the legal duty, was read, and an order taken that the forfeiture to the State, incurred by a neglect to enter the aforesaid rum, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 16th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,
Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,
John Boyd,	John Whitehill.

Persifor Frazier, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Chester.

Joseph Shippen, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace in and for the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, upon a return made according to law; Mr. Shippen was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county of Lancaster.

The two following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of Andrew Ellicott, Esquire, for seventy-five pounds, in part of his pay as a Commissioner appointed to run and mark the northern boundary of this Commonwealth, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Peter Weaver, for four pounds four shillings and ten pence, ballance of his certificate for a black steer furnished by him for public use, to be paid according to resolution of Assembly dated the 8th of April, 1782.

The fine imposed upon Richard Isaac, upon two several convictions of larceny in the city and county of Philadelphia, were remitted.

Commissions were this day issued to David Rittenhouse, and Andrew Ellicott, Esquires, as Commissioners to run and mark the northern boundary of this Commonwealth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 17, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill, and	
William Brown,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of David Rittenhouse, Esquire, for three hundred and nineteen pounds, in full for his services as Commissioner for ascertaining the western boundary of Pennsylvania, and for cash paid for sundry instruments for surveying, &ca., according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of John Parker, for seven pounds and six pence, in full of his account for bricklayer's work done to the Barracks for the Pennsylvania Guard, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Captain James McLean, for eleven pounds two shillings and six pence, in full of his account for his subsistence for the months of March, April, May, and June, 1786, according to the Comptroller's report.

In favor of the said Captain James McLean, for seven pounds seven shillings, being the amount of his account of rations due to the Invalid corps until the first day of May last, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 19th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge, and	Esquires.
John Whitehill,	John Boyd,	
William Brown,		

The return of Justices of the Peace for the town or borough of Chester, not being made according to law, a Justice for the same town or borough cannot be appointed until a legal election is held, and return made, of which the Secretary is directed to acquaint those concerned.

The fine imposed upon John Dougherty, upon conviction of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Bayard, Esquire, for one hundred and seventy-eight pounds two shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress until the thirteenth instant, inclusively, and his mileage to and from New York.

In favor of Captain John Smith, for two hundred pounds seven shillings and six pence, and in favor of Captain Robert Cochran, for one hundred and eighty-eight pounds seven shillings and six pence, being due to their several companies of Chester county militia for their services in 1781, under the command of Colonel Matthew Boyd, to be paid out of the militia fines of the county of Chester.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Nicholas Brosius, for a tract of land situate in Heidleberg township, in the county of Berks, containing four hundred and seventy-two acres and one hundred and sixty-eight perches of land, sold at Reading the first instant, for two thousand seven hundred and ninety pounds five shillings and one penny three farthings, subject to the payment of the yearly rent or quantity of one hundred and sixty-three bushels and nineteen one hundred and twentieth parts of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, by half yearly payments, to the Trustees of the University of this State, and to the arrears of the same rent from the first day of September, 1781. Deed dated the nineteenth day of June, 1786. Late Andrew Allen's land.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 20th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Boyd,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	Henry Hill, and	
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,		

The fines imposed upon Christian Feltin and Philip Feltin, upon their several convictions at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Philadelphia, the former of fornication, and the latter of fornication and bastardy, with a certain Eve Cokesbury, were remitted.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of John Sparhawk, for flour taken from him in 1777, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 21st. 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Boyd,	
John Whitehill,	Wiliam Brown,	

A petition from Ebenezer A. Smith, praying to be allowed for the depreciation which took place upon his pay while a Surgeon in the general hospital, was read, and a resolution taken that Doctor Smith's claims cannot be admitted.

The consideration of a return of Justices of the Peace for the town of Louisburgh, was postponed untill to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 22nd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown, and	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

John Kean and Joseph Montgomery, Esquires, were this day appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace for the town of Harrisburgh, (the county town of Dauphine county,) upon a return made according to law.

Mr. Kean was at the same time appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

William Clingan, Esquire, was also appointed a Justice of the Peace for the district of West Caln, Sadsbury, and West Fallowfield townships, in the county of Chester, and Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of the county aforesaid, upon a return made agreeably to law.

Note.—That Mr. Clingan preside in the Court of Common Pleas, the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery and Orphans' Court, of the said county.

A certificate of the division of the township of Mahoning, in the county of Northumberland, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Sunsbury, for the county aforesaid, on the twenty-eighth day of February last, was read, and an order ta-

ken that the division be confirmed, agreeably to the decree of the said court, and the new township erected thereby be known by the name of Point township.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Brown, Esquire, for twenty-nine pounds sixteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively, and his mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 23d, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,
Samuel Dean,
John Whitehill,
Jonathan Hoge,
Peter Muhlenberg.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Anthony Bitting, for thirty-two pounds one shilling and eight pence, State money, amount of his certificate for three head of cattle furnished by him for public use; and

In favor of John Jenkin, for fifty-three pounds sixteen shillings, State money, in full of his certificate for a horse furnished by him for public use, according to the Comptroller General's reports, to be paid out of the funds appropriated by resolution of Assembly of the eighth of April, 1782.

In favor of Doctor Joseph Fenton, for fifteen pounds specie, in full of his account for services as Surgeon to Colonel Andrews' battallion of York county militia, in the fall of 1777, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the militia fines of the said county.

Representation being made that the lott of ground within the limits of the tract of land reserved for the use of the Commonwealth, and opposite the town of Pittsburg, granted by act of Assembly to William Butler, Esquire, for the purpose of keeping a ferry, is from its situation liable to be overflowed, and otherwise rendered unfit for the purposes aforesaid,

Ordered, That indulgence be given to the said Butler, to establish a landing place and ferry house upon such other part of the said tract as will best promote the convenience of the public, and the intentions of the Legislature declared in their act aforesaid,

Resolved, That the said Butler be farther permitted to plough, sow, and otherwise cultivate such grounds as have been fenced and hitherto occupied by James Boggs, deceased, and that in return for these advantages, shall come under obligation to prevent the com-

mission of all kinds of waste upon the timber, &ca., of the reserved tract above mentioned.

Upon motion,

Ordered, That the Surveyor General be directed to make out duplicate copies of all the general draughts of depreciation lands returned to his office; and that he cause these copies to be sent to and deposited in some public office in the town of Pittsburg, as a directory for such persons as have become purchasers of lots within the lands aforesaid.

A deed was examined and signed by the President to Hugh Horner, for a tract of land situate in Allen township, in the county of Northampton, containing one hundred and fifty acres of land, late the estate of Andrew Allen, an attainted traitor: Consideration two hundred and forty pounds. Deed dated the twenty-third day of June instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 24th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President

Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Boyd,	

A fine of twenty shillings imposed upon James Caldwell, on conviction of larceny before the Quarter Sessions of the City Court, held on the twenty-fourth day of October, 1785, was remitted.

The fine imposed upon Margaret Dyer, now a prisoner in the jail of this city, was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one quarter's salary as Judge of the Supreme Court, due the eighteenth instant, and being one hundred and fifty pounds.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 26th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill, and
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Boyd.

James Hamilton, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of North Hempfield, and county of Westmoreland, upon a return made agreeably to law; and also a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county.

The petition of Richard How and John Eliott, was read and referred to the Attorney General.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June the 27th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill, and	
John Boyd,	Jonathan Hoge,	

The petition of John Funk, merchant in the town of Strasburgh, and county of Lancaster, was read, and an order taken that the part of the fine and forfeiture incurred by him upon a violation of the Excise laws, and due to the Commonwealth, be remitted.

On motion,

Ordered, That on to-morrow eleven o'clock, Council will take up the consideration of their vote of the twenty-seventh day of September, 1785, on the claims of Mr. Edward Williams, late a Mate in the General Hospital, and that notice thereof be given to Mr. Williams and the Comptroller General, who are desired to attend, and give such evidence on the point as they may respectively be possessed of.

The fine of three pounds imposed upon Catherine Taffer, on her conviction of a misdemeanor at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held in this city on the sixth day of March, 1786, was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as a Judge of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 28th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Boyd, Peter Muhlenberg,
John Whitehill, Samuel Dean.
Jonathan Hoge,

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, in full for one quarter's salary due to him as Chief Justice, ending the twenty-fifth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of William Bidgood, for thirty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and one penny, State money, in full for principal and interest due upon his certificate for a horse furnished for public use, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the fund appropriated by resolution of Assembly of the eighth of April, 1782.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 29th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, John Whitehill, and
Samuel Dean, John Boyd, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds, in part of his salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and in the Admiralty Sessions for this State, according to resolution of Assembly dated the thirteenth day of March, 1782, for which sum he is to account.

William Nichols, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Notary and Tabellion Public.

Ordered, That the Surveyor General be directed to inform Council whether he has yet received returns of any surveys made in district number three of the depreciation land, and what evidence he has that the person nominated to that district has yet entered upon the exercise of his appointment.

The following orders were examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President, vizt:

To George Cooper, for city lots number 1767, and 1768.

To David C. Claypoole, for lot number 1771.

And to James Stuart, for lot number 1753, sold at public auction the fourteenth instant. Deed dated the twenty-eighth day of this month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 30th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,
Samuel Dean,	John Boyd.
Jonathan Hoge,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for sixteen pounds sixteen shillings, in full of his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper until this day, inclusively.

An order was taken that Captain Stiles be directed to furnish two hundred and a quarter weight of gunpowder for the use of such of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia as may meet to exercise on the fourth of next month, being the anniversary of Independance.

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President to Doctor Barnabus Binney, for city lot number 12, sold the fourteenth of this month for four hundred pounds. Deed dated the 28th instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 1st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, V. President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Boyd,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Boyd, Esquire, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council until the 30th ultimo.

In favor of the Honorable John Whitehill, Esquire, for forty pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council until the 5th instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of William Rees, for thirty-seven pounds nine shillings and ten pence half penny, in full of his account for improving the State House lot until the twenty-seventh day of June last, inclusively, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid according to resolutions of Assembly of the twenty-second of September, 1783, and two acts of Assembly of the twenty-sixth of February, 1735–6, and 14th of May, 1762.

The fine imposed upon Arthur Ellis, upon conviction of larceny in the county of Chester, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 3d, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esq'r, V. President.

And as on Saturday.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July the 4th, 1786.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 5th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd, and
Samuel Dean,	John Neville.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of Garret Dungan, for repairing of public arms in 1776, was read and approved.

Mr. Boyd attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 6th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd, and	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Neville,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 7th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd, and	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Neville,	

Upon the petition of John McFadden, of Chester county,

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds imposed upon him, on conviction of having begotten a bastard child, be remitted.

The petition of John Brisbane, a delinquent Collector of Taxes, for the township of Lampeter and county of Lancaster, was read and rejected.

A letter from the Surveyor General of the third instant, in answer to the order of Council of the twenty-ninth ultimo, was read, and an order taken that the Surveyor General be directed to appoint a person who shall immediately proceed to execute the survey of the tract of depreciation, late Mr. Douglass's district, and that he take some early means of advising Mr. Douglass that his appointment is vacated.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to his Clerk on the sixth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 8th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Boyd, Peter Muhlenberg, and
Samuel Dean, John Neville.
Henry Hill,

The following report from the Surveyor General was read and approved, vizt:

To the Secretary of Council.

Please to inform Council I would recommend Major William Alexander to survey in the depreciation lands, or to any other business that Council have to do to the westward of the Allegheny or Ohio rivers, within this State.

I am, Sir, with respect yours,
JOHN LUKENS, S. General.

Surveyor General's office, July the 7th, 1786.

The Council met.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, Mr. Muhlenberg,
Henry Hill, John Neville, } Esquires.
John Boyd,

The consideration of Michael Connor's petition was postponed until Friday next.

A letter from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs was read, inclosing a copy of a letter from the Honorable Mr. Adams, of the fourth of March last, and a copy of Lord Carmarthen's letter to Mr. Adams, dated the 28th of February, with a state of the grievances of British merchants & others.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 12th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Neville, and
John Boyd,	Peter Muhlenberg.

Major Alexander Boyd's resignation of the office of Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties, was read and accepted.

A deed was examined and signed by the Vice President to Richard Whitehead, for lot number 52, part of the Barrack ground, at the south-west corner of Green street and St. John's street, twenty feet front by about ninety feet in depth, to a four feet alley; Consideration sixty-two pounds. Deed dated the twelfth day of July, 1786.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 13th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President

Samuel Dean,	John Neville, and
John Boyd,	Peter Muhlenberg.
Henry Hill,	

On motion,

Ordered, That John Mease, Esquire, Vendue Master for the district of Southwark, be required to find a security in the room of James Mease, deceased.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 14th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,
Samuel Dean,
John Boyd,
Peter Muhlenberg, and
John Neville.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-five pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

A reconsideration of Michael Conner's petition was had, and an order taken that the operation of the attainder to which he is now liable be suspended until the end of the next session of the General Assembly.

The petition of George Sturmfels, stating that on the twenty-seventh of August, 1779, he purchased the confiscated estate of Arthur Thomas, subject to a yearly ground rent of one pound twelve shillings sterling, payable to the late Proprietaries, and in arrears from March, 1774, and praying that the arrears of the said ground rent between the year 1774 and the time he purchased, may be discharged by the State, was read and referred to the Agents for the sale of Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia.

Eli Mead, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Wioming and county of Northumberland, upon a return made according to law. Mr. Mead was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

David Espy, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the town of Bedford and county of Bedford, upon a return made according to law. Mr. Espy was also appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county.

A letter from Henry William Archer, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, requesting leave to resign the said office, was read, and his resignation accepted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July the 15th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, and
Samuel Dean, John Neville, } Esquires.
John Boyd,

A return of Justices of the Peace for the district composed of the townships of Cærnarvon and Brecknock, in the county of Lancaster, was read, and James Old, Esquire, appointed and commissionated thereon. Mr. Old was also appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

Monday, July 17th, 1786.

PRESENT:

Mr Hill, Mr. Neville, and
Mr. Boyd, Mr. Dean.
Mr. Muhlenberg,

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July the 18th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Henry Hill, John Boyd, and
Samuel Dean, General Neville.
Peter Muhlenberg,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James McCutcheon, for ten pounds eleven shillings and six pence, in full of his account for beef furnished to a number of the natives of China and Bengal, under a resolution of Assembly dated the seventh of November, 1785, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Friday next was set apart for going into the appointment of an Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties, in the room of Alexander Boyd, resigned, and of an officer of the Excise for the county of Washington.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 19th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, John Boyd, and
Samuel Dean, General Neville.
Peter Muhlenberg,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, for eighty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence, being two months' salary due to him as Vice President, ending the tenth instant.

THURSDAY, July 20th, 1786.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 21st, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq'r, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Boyd, Samuel Dean, and
John Neville, Henry Hill, } Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,

Agreeably to the order of the eighteenth instant, Council proceeded to the choice of an Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties, when Christian Febiger, Esquire, was elected.

The Comptroller General's report upon two accounts of Alexander Boyd, Esquire, late Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties, from the eighteenth of May, 1785, untill the eighth day of July, 1786, settled by him on the fourth and nineteenth instant, was read and approved.

A letter from His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts Bay, inclosing a resolution of the General Court of that State, suspending the operation of their Act of Navigation until the other States have come into a similar act, was read.

A letter (with its inclosures) from the Comptroller General, stating the principles of a controversy now subsisting between him on the part of this State, and the Board of Treasury on that of the United States, with respect to a matter of account between the said United States and this State, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 22nd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Boyd,		

The Comptroller General's report of this day upon the account of Thomas Smith, Esquire, was read and approved, and order made that it be recommended to the said Comptroller to have measures taken for immediately transferring the ballance due to the State into the public Treasury.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 24th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Neville,	
John Boyd,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Figel, for twenty-seven pounds nineteen shillings and four pence, in full for provisions and spirituous liquors furnished to an Indian Chief of the Wiandot Nation, and sundry persons attending him, from June the thirtieth until July the seventh, 1786, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July the 25th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, John Boyd, and Peter Muhlenberg, } Esquires.
John Neville,

The petition of Henry Richards, convicted of a burglary at a late session of the City Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Lancaster for the county of Lancaster, and sentenced to suffer death, was read, and a pardon of the offence directed to issue.

John Craig, Esquire, of the county of Washington, was appointed Collector of Excise for the county aforesaid, and for the counties of Westmoreland and Fayette, in the room of William Graham, resigned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July the 26th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esq'r, Vice President.

Peter Muhlenberg, John Boyd,
Samuel Dean, General Neville.

The fine imposed upon Catherine Taffer, upon conviction of larceny at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Philadelphia, held in March last, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 27th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice Pres't.

Henry Hill, John Boyd,
Samuel Dean, John Neville.
Peter Muhlenberg,

John Craig, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, in the room of Henry William Archer, Esquire, resigned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 28th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Neville, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Woods,	

Upon the petition of Elizabeth McVicar, convicted of larceny at the last City Court, it was

Ordered, That her corporal punishment be remitted.

The two following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for ten pounds fifteen shillings, being money advanced by him for the travelling expenses of the Judges of the Supreme Court, on their Circuit to the counties of Northampton and Berks, in this State, in the month of May last; and

In favor of James Thompson for twenty pounds fifteen shillings, for the expenses of the Judges of the Supreme Court, with their servants and attendants at his house, while holding the High Court of Errors and Appeals, the Supreme Court and Court of Claims, at Philadelphia, from the twenty sixth day of June to the tenth of July, 1786.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 29th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Boyd,		

The fines imposed upon Henry Frane, upon conviction of horse stealing, upon two indictments in the county of Chester, were remitted.

Upon the petition of John Talbert, convicted of larceny at the last City Court, and a recommendation in his favor, it was

Ordered, That his corporal punishment be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 31st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Boyd,	John Woods,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day of

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council untill this day, inclusively.

In favor of William Rees, for fifteen pounds three shillings and sixpence, in full of his account for improving the State House lot until this day, according to the Comptroller General's reports and acts of Assembly dated 20th of February, 1735–6, 14th of May, 1762, and 25th of September, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August the first, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Neville,	} Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge, (now	
John Boyd,	returned,) and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Woods,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for forty-five pounds fifteen shillings specie, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirty-first day of July, 1786, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August the 2nd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Woods, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	

William Patterson, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Air township, in the county of Bedford, upon a return made according to law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 3rd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,
Samuel Dean,	John Woods,
John Boyd,	John Whitehill.

The fine imposed upon Jacob Springer, upon conviction of fornication and bastardy, at the last City Court, was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of His Excellency Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, for forty-one pounds five shillings, being cash advanced by him for defraying the expences of Scotosh, a Chief of the Wiandot Nation of Indians, and sundry persons attending him on their way to Congress, upon public business, and returning home.

The fines imposed upon Catharine McIlmay, Mary Tennant and Anne Young, upon conviction of a riot at the last City Court, were remitted.

An order was taken that the district of depreciation land surveyed by Mr. Elder, be exposed to public sale at the old Coffee House in this city, on Wednesday the sixth day of September next; and that the depreciation lots bought in by Samuel Nicholson for the State, at a former sale, being part of his district, be sold at the same time and place.

Ordered, That the Receiver General of the Land Office be directed to advertize a further sale of city lots, to be held on the nineteenth instant, to wit: the lots numbered from 1829 to 1920, inclusively, situate on both sides of Market street, between Fifth and Seventh streets from Schuylkill.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 4th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Neville,
John Boyd,	Jonathan Hoge, and
John Woods,	James McLene, (now returned.)
John Whitehill,	

An order was taken that Joseph Cowperthwaite, Esquire, Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, be directed to keep the person of The Chevalier Charles Julian de Longchamps in close custody, until the sentence of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery against him be fully complied with.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following certificates: of Samuel High for three pounds thirteen shillings and four pence State money, for sheep; of Christopher Hollingsworth for twenty-seven pounds two shillings and five pence, and of George Kesling for forty-eight pounds eighteen shillings, State money, for horses furnished for public use, were read and approved, and orders drawn upon the Treasurer for the sums before mentioned.

John Scott and John Boggs, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace for the district of Franklin, in the county of Franklin.

John Scott and John Boggs, Esquires, were also appointed Justices of the Court of Common Pleas.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, the 5th of August, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Woods,	
John Whitehill,	James McLene, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August the 7th, 1786

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, John Woods,
John Boyd, James M'Lene, and
Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Hoge,
John Whitehill, } Esquires.

A return of an election of Justices of the Peace for the district of Point township, and county of Northumberland, was read and set aside as unformal; the inhabitants will, therefore, consider themselves at liberty to proceed to another election, agreeably to law.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Dolby, for six pounds, in full of his account for ringing bells on the anniversary of Independance.

The petition of Henry Hubbs, praying the remission of the public fine imposed upon him on conviction of forgery, was read and granted.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Hoge were appointed a committee for drafting a sett of instructions for the Commissioners on the business of the Inland Navigation.

The several reports made by the Comptroller General to this Board, concerning a settlement of the accounts of this State with the United States, being read, an order was taken that the Comptroller General proceed to publish such parts of the reports aforesaid as he may think proper.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August the 8th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, John Neville,
Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg,
John Boyd, James McLene.
Jonathan Hoge,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Figal, for ten pounds six shillings and five pence, amount of his account for the tavern expences of Scotosh, a Chief of the Wiandot Nation of Indians, and his company, from the first to the fourth instant, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report.

Mr. Woods attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 9th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,
Jonathan Hoge,	James McLene.

Upon the petition of Robert Young, a delinquent Collector of Taxes for the township of New Lynn, in the county of Chester, an order was taken that the sale of a tract of land, the property of the said Young, situate in East Fallowfield township, and county aforesaid, be suspended for the term of six months from the date hereof.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of James McCutcheon, for sixteen pounds seven shillings, in full of his account for beef furnished by him to a number of the natives of China and India, under a resolution of Assembly dated the seventh of November, 1785.

In favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for forty pounds two shillings and one penny State money, and two hundred and sixty-two pounds nine shillings and one penny specie, being due to him as Commissary of Military Stores to the first of October, 1785, according to the Comptroller General's report of the ninth day of February, 1786.

On motion,

Ordered, That the pay of the Commissary of Military Stores be fixed at fifty pounds per annum.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for the sum of eighteen pounds, in full of his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 10th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Whitehill, John Boyd,
Peter Muhlenberg, John Neville, and
Jonathan Hoge, Samuel Dean.
Stephen Balliet,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Whitehill, Esquire, for the sum of ten pounds, in full of his account for attendance in Council untill the twelfth instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

The corporal punishment to which John Carmichael was sentenced at the Court of General Quarter Sessions held in July last for the county of York, on conviction of larceny, was this day remitted, on the petition of the said Carmichael and the recommendation of the Court.

Representation being made that the election of Justices of the Peace for the district of Doe Run, and county of Chester, held on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1786, was not conducted according to law, and witnesses being named in support of the charge aforesaid:

Ordered, That the return and other evidences of the said election, with the remonstrance against it, be transmitted to William Clingan, John Culbertson, and Isaac Taylor, Esquires, who are hereby directed to investigate the above mentioned charge, and as soon as possible, report to the Board the testimony which may be offered in the case.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Henry Haller and Thomas Parry, Esquires, for forty-two pounds five shillings and five pence, in part of the ballance due upon their accounts as Agents for the sale of Confiscated Estates in Berks county, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 11th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	} Esquires.
John Boyd,	John Whitehill, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	James M'Lene,	

The memorial of John Penn, and John Penn, Junior, by their ttorney in fact, Tench Francis, stating their claims to divers city ots in right of the original purchases of John Brock and Thomas Brasey, was read and referred to the Surveyor, to examine the ecords of his office and report to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August the 12th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge,	Stephen Balliet, and
John Neville,	James McLene.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Clement Biddle, Esquire, for seventy-six pounds five shillings and ten pence, in full of his account for rations furnished to the Invalid corps from the first day of May untill the last day of July, 1786, inclusively, as reported by the Comptroller General, agreeably to the Comptroller Council dated the sixth day of May last, and an act of Assembly of the twenty-second day of September, 1785.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain James Persons, for six pounds one shilling and eleven pence, being in full of a reward offered by Council on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1780, for apprehending and securing William Nugent, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August the 14th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Stephen Balliet,	James McLene,	} Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	Henry Hill, and	
John Neville,	John Woods,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Kline, for ten pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence, being the expence of curing a wound received while he was employed as a soldier in Captain Sweyer's company of Berks County militia, upon an expedition to Wioming in the year 1784.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts, vizt:

Of Colonel Francis Johnston, Receiver General of the Land office, for fees received in his office from the first of May untill the first of August, 1786; and

Of William Hassal, for his commutation of pay as Storekeeper in the general hospital, were read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August the 15th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esq'r, V. President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	} Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
James M'Lene,	John Woods,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Francis Bailey, for the sum of one hundred and ninety-two pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for printing thirty-eight and a half reams of certificates for the new loan, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary, for fees received in his office from the 1st of May to the 1st of August, 1786.

Of George Crawford, for transporting militia baggage in the year 1777, and

Of Alexander Stewart, for his commutation of pay as late Surgeon to the third Pennsylvania regiment.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August the 16th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Woods, and	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	James M'Lene,	
Stephen Balliet,		

The fine imposed upon James Miller, on conviction of larceny, in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August the 17th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	John Woods, and	
Stephen Balliet,	James M'Lene,	

Henry Miller, Esquire, was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of York.

The fine imposed upon Anne Winters, upon conviction of larceny, in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Okely, Esquire, for forty-nine pounds ten shillings and one penny, in full of his account as one of the Commissioners appointed to divide the Islands in the river Delaware and to explore the navigation thereof, and its navigable branches, Lehigh and Lehawaxen.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 18th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge,	Stephen Balliet,	Esquires.
John Woods,	John Neville, and	
James McLene,	William Brown,	

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved.

Of Daniel Williams, for leaden spouts taken for the Labaratory, by Allison & Worral, in August 1777.

Of James M'Dowell, Robert M'Dowell, David Thompson and Charles Keyl, for their pay while employed in building Fort Preservation, Westmoreland county, in 1777 and 1778.

Of George Feather, for	£11	10	8
Bernard Gardner,	11	10	8
George Foulke,	11	10	8
Christian Hellinger,	11	10	8
Joseph Gehr,	11	10	8
John Gingrich,	11	10	8
Isaac Adams,	11	10	8
John Smuller,	11	10	8
Bernard Gardner,	3	10	0
	£95	15	4

For their services as Captains in the militia of the county of Lancaster, in the years 1777 and 1778 and 1779, according to the Comptroller General's reports; and

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer, payable out of the militia fines of the said county, in favor of Captain George Feather, to be by him paid to the persons before mentioned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 19th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge,	Stephen Balliet,	Esquires.
John Woods,	John Neville, and	
James M'Lene,	William Brown,	

Upon the petition of William Barton, Esquire; it was

Ordered, That execution against him for a debt due to the Commonwealth, on a judgment obtained at the suit of the Collector of the Customs, be suspended untill Council can have an opportunity of conferring with the Attorney General upon the subject of the said petition.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Buchannan, for sixty-one pounds one shilling, in full of his account for surveying the road layed out from Miller's Spring, in Cumberland county, to Fort Pitt, and making a draft of the same, according to act of Assembly of 21st of September, 1785.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 21st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Woods, and	
James M'Lene,	John Neville,	

Peter Conrad, Esquire, was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the district of Hamilton township, in the county of Northampton, upon a return made according to law: Mr. Conrad was also appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county.

Upon a letter from John Franklin and John Jenkins, praying "the protection of Council to their persons while coming to and remaining in this city, in waiting upon the Legislature as Agents for the settlers at Wyoming,"

Order was taken, that a passport under the seal of the State be made out for the said John Franklin and John Jenkins, or others, Agents as aforesaid, granting to them the desired protection, as far as the authority of the Executive will extend, but that they be apprized that this will not reach beyond prosecution of a criminal nature.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred pounds, in full for one quarter's salary as Comptroller General, ending the 13th of July last.

In favor of the Honorable Charles Pettitt, Esquire, for four hundred and ninety-five pounds fourteen shillings, in full for his attendance as a delegate from this State to Congress untill the 19th instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 22d, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Woods, and	
James M'Lene,	John Neville,	

The petitions of Benjamin Davis, John Penn and John Penn, Junior, by their agent, Tench Francis, Francis Wallis, (alias Willis,) William Green, Nicholas Gay, Margaret Wakely, Martha Gay and Thomas Cecil, by their agent, John Lee, and of Mary Jenkins, exhibitory of their respective claims to city lotts, were read and referred to the Attorney General, for his opinion of their validity.

On motion,

Ordered, That the resolution of Council of the 24th of September, 1785, upon the claims of Mr. Edward Williams to commutation of half pay as Clerk and Paymaster in the late general hospital, be reconsidered; and on the second motion,

Ordered, That the said resolution be rescinded, and that the Comptroller General be furnished with a copy of this proceeding.

The petition of Thomas Cuthbert and Daniel Bickley, the deposition of said Cuthbert, and a certificate from William Howell, Isaac Craig, and William Pollard, being read,

Ordered, That such part of two pipes of Teneriffe wine as was, upon seizure of the Excise Officer, forfeited to the Commonwealth, be restored to the petitioners aforesaid.

Upon the petition of Margaret Talbott, it was

Ordered, That the fine to the State, and imprisonment for twelve months, to which she was sentenced upon conviction of larceny, be remitted.

The fine payable to the use of the State by Samuel Marriott, upon his conviction of selling spirituous liquors by small measure, without licence, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 23rd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esq'rs.
Samuel Dean,	John Woods,	
Stephen Balliet,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Boyd,	William Brown,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Robert Aitken, for one hundred and seventeen pounds ten shillings and nine pence, for printing public accounts, and for stationery for the Comptroller's office, according to the Comptroller General's reports of July 21st and August 19th, 1786.

On the petition of Henry Revers, convicted of larceny at the July Sessions of the City Court, and sentenced to a fine of six pounds seventeen shillings & six pence, payable to the State,

Ordered, That the fine aforesaid be remitted.

A letter from the Comptroller General, requesting Council to determine the allowance to be made to the Agents for the sale of the Barracks & Barrack lotts, was read, and an order taken that the said Agents be allowed a commission of two and a half per cent. upon the monies paid by them into the public Treasury.

Note.—The authority to fix this compensation vested in Council by Act of Assembly dated April, 1784.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 24th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Woods, and	
John Boyd,	James McLene,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Peter Winck, for eight pounds four shillings and three pence, in full of his account for curing a wound received

while employed as a soldier on the last expedition to Wyoming, in October, 1784, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the militia fines of Berks county.

In favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, for twenty pounds five shillings, and the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, for eighteen pounds, in full for their attendance in Council, respectively, until this day, included.

Mr. Lollar and Mr. Evans, a committee from the General Assembly, attending, were introduced, and informed Council that the House was now formed, and ready to receive such business as Council have to lay before them.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August the 25th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Woods, and	
John Boyd,	James McLene,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Philip Albright, Esquire, late a Captain in Colonel Miles' Rifle regiment, was read and approved.

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith will be laid before you a number of communications made by Congress and particular States since your last meeting. These we recommend to your consideration, and especially the requisition of Congress for our quota of the Fœderal supply for the year 1786. It is to the honor of Pennsylvania that she has hitherto been behind none of the States in ready compliance with such requisitions, and we have no doubt but you will take care to provide that this part of our character shall continue undiminished—the due support of our General Government, and the punctual discharge of our foreign obligations, being of essential importance to the welfare and security of the whole Union.

Some farther progress has been made in the negociation with the States of Delaware and Maryland since your last session: Commissioners have been appointed, an interview proposed, and every inclination to meet this Commonwealth on the ground of reciprocal advantage discovered.

Having observed that the act passed on the twenty-second day of September, 1785, entituled "An Act for the relief of officers, soldiers, and seamen, who, in the course of the late war, have been wounded or otherwise disabled in the service of this State or of the United States," is liable to many and great abuses. That it has, in some instances falling within our own knowledge, been made to operate on very improper subjects. We are of opinion that a revisal thereof should take place as early as possible, and such alteration made as will effectually prevent any misapplication of the benevolence of Government.

Among the papers sent you are some which relate to the people of Wyoming.

We expect that these settlers will send agents hither to represent to your Honorable House their present situation.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, August 25th, 1786.

Upon the petition of Elizabeth Armstrong, convicted of selling spirituous liquors by small measure without licence, it was

Ordered, That one-half part of the fine to be paid by her to the use of the State, be remitted.

The Council met.

Saturday, August the 26th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Woods, and	
John Boyd,	James McLene,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The petition of Job and Jonathan Vernon, stating that they had become security for the payment of a fine of fifteen pounds imposed on a certain William Scholefield, upon conviction of larceny; that the said Scholefield has some time since died; that they are now left exposed to the payment of the fine aforesaid; (and upon the facts,) praying a release from the payments of the said fines, was read, and an order taken that the prayer of their petition be granted.

A report of Willam Bradford, Esquire, on the claims of Mary Jenkins (referred on the 22d instant) to a city lot, was read and filed.

On motion of Mrs. McLene, James Maxwell, Esquire, was appointed and commissioned President of the Court of Common Pleas, General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and Orphans' Court, of the county of Franklin.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Philip Albright, for forty pounds thirty shillings and two pence, ballance due upon his account as late Captain in Colonel Miles' Rifle regiment, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the recruiting service.

A deed was examined and signed by the Vice President, to Edward Bartholemew, Esquire, for a tract of land situate in Newtown township, in the county of Chester, containing one hundred and seventy two late the estate of Matthew Apsden: Sold on the 29th of April last, to said Edward Bartholemew, for the sum of one thousand and ninety pounds. Deed dated this day.

The Attorney General having been consulted on the case of William Barton, Esq'r, agreeably to the minutes of the 18th inst., an order was taken that execution against him for a debt due to the Commonwealth, on a judgment obtained at the suit of the Collector of the Customs, be suspended for the term of two years from the date of this proceeding.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 28th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Woods,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Isaac Meason, (now returned)	
Stephen Balliet,	Mr. Boyd, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Neville,	
James McLene,		
William Brown,		

The fine imposed upon James Kelly, on conviction of horse stealing, in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 29th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Woods,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
Henry Hill,	John Neville,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Isaac Meason, and	
James McLene,	John Boyd,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 30th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Woods,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Neville, and	
James McLene,	John Boyd,	

The fine imposed upon John Hall upon conviction of fornication and bastardy, in the county of was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, for eight hundred and twenty pounds, to be applied in support of the Light House, &ca., in the bay and river Delaware, and in improving the navigation in the said bay and river, for which sum they are to account.

A petition being presented to the Board from James Robinson, representing the great injury which he must sustain from the operation of a resolution of Council of the twenty-third of June last, in favor of Colonel William Butler, and the said petition being accompanied by a certificate from a number of respectable inhabitants of Pittsburg in favor of the character of the said James Robinson; therefore,

Resolved, That the said resolution, as far as it respects the improved land upon which the said Robinson resides, be hereby rescinded, and that the said Robinson be permitted to enjoy the said improvement, with the priviledges he has hitherto had, until otherwise directed by this Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August the 31st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Woods,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Neville, and	Esquires.
James McLene,	John Whitehill,	
John Boyd,		

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Lieutenant Peter Conrad, for pay and subsistence, while a prisoner, from 1778 to 1781, was read and approved.

Agreeably to the sixteenth section of an act of the General Assembly intituled "An Act for directing the mode of distributing the donation lands promised to the troops of this Commonwealth,"

The Surveyor General made return to Council of the draught of lots laid down within the limits of the said lands; upon which it was

Ordered, That the drawing of the lottery for, and the patenting of the said lots, shall commence on the first day of October next, to be continued for one year from the 29th instant.

The consideration of the petition of David Lennox, stating "that in April, 1784, he imported into this State a cargo of rum, sugar, and coffee; that he afterwards entered part of the said cargo for exportation, and praying to be allowed a drawback upon such part of the cargo as was exported in due time," read on the first of July, 1785, was resumed, and an order taken that the resolution of Council of that day be rescinded, and the prayer of the said petition granted.

The petition of Edward Kenan and others, praying for a settlement of their accounts, was read, and referred to the Comptroller General.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his wages as door-keeper until this day, included.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 1st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	John Woods,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Isaac Meason, and	
James McLene,	John Whitehill,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Stephen Balliot, Esquire, for seventeen pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirty-first day of August, 1786, inclusively.

In favor of William Mitchell, Esquire, for fifty pounds seven shillings and two pence, in part of the ballance due upon his account as Agent for the sale of Confiscated Estates in York county, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 2nd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	Isaac Meason,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Whitehill,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Brown, and	
John Neville,	John Woods,	

On motion,

Ordered, That the natives of China and India, now in this city, who have been for some months past supported at the expence of this State, be now removed to the State of Maryland, in which they were originally brought by John O'Donnel, Esquire, Captain of the Pallas Indiaman, and that Mr. Levi Hollingsworth be requested to take measures for executing this order.

Colonel Francis Johnston was directed to advertise a further sale of city lots numbered from 1921 to 1982, inclusively, situate on both sides of Market or High street, and between Fourth and Fifth streets from Schuylkill; also eleven lots on the north side of Chesnut street between Seventh and Eighth streets from Delaware, to be held on Wednesday the 20th of this month, at the old Coffee House.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Cooke, jeweler, for seventeen ounces ten penny weights of gold, forfeited to the Commonwealth by the non-appearance of A. Boyer before the Supreme Court, upon a prosecution for passing base metal as gold, was read and approved.

A certificate of the division of the township of Smith, in the county of Washington, by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Washington, for the county aforesaid, on the 5th of January last, was read, and order taken that the division be confirmed, agreeably to the decree of the said Court.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 4th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Woods,	
John Neville,	Isaac Meason, and	
James McLane,	William Brown,	
John Boyd,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer:

In favor of Colonel William Henry, for one hundred and fifty-five pounds, for defraying the contingent expences of exercising the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of William Rees, for fifteen pounds and seven pence, in full for his account for improving the State House lot until the second instant, and for bricklayer's work done by John Parker, to be paid according to two acts of Assembly dated the twentieth of February, 1735–6, and 14th of May, 1762, and resolution of Assembly dated 23d of September, 1783.

Mr. McLane attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 5th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Woods,	
Stephen Balliet,	Isaac Meason,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Boyd, and	
James M'Lene,	John Neville,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-five pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

The reports of the Comptroller General upon the following accounts for materials for houses at the Barracks in the Northern Liberties, sold May the 8th, 1784, were read and approved.

Of George Forepaugh, Matthew Clarkson, Christlieb Bartling, Quarrier and Hunter, John Keen, Nicholas Brooms, William Williams, Nicholas Ribbell, and Michael Groves.

The following draft of a message from the Vice President and Council to the General Assembly, was read and approved:

A Message from the Vice President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN:—Having observed with the greatest satisfaction, a revival of that spirit and those habits which have so highly distinguished the militia of this city and its vicinity, and wishing to give them such countenance as will most effectually tend to diffuse them throughout the State, we have, during your late recess, unanimously appointed Colonel Francis Mentges to the place of Inspector General. Under this appointment it will become his business to encourage and direct this rising disposition, to mark out and establish a uniformity of appearance and discipline in the several corps, to examine into the state of arms and accoutrements, and to notice and report all abuses of such public property as may fall within his care or observation. In executing this necessary and important trust, some expence must be incurred and much time given. 'Tis, therefore, the object of this message, to request that for these such compensation be made as the House in their wisdom will think proper to direct.

We take this opportunity of communicating also a letter of the twenty-third ult., from President Sullivan, containing several papers relating to the capture and condemnation of the brigantine

Susannah, &c. And a letter of the 28th from Mr. Jay; and a proposition from the house of Coxe and Frazier, on the subject of arms.

CHARLES BIDDLE, V. P.

Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 6th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Woods,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Isaac Meason,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville,	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	James McLene, and	
John Boyd,	John Whitehill,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James McCutcheon, for nineteen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, for seven hundred and ninety five pounds of beef furnished to a number of the natives of China and India, under a resolution of Assembly dated the 5th of November, 1785.

A letter signed "John Franklin and John Jenkins, Agents for the claimants under Connecticut, now residing in and near Wyoming, and stating, that under the protection lately granted them by Council, they had now arrived in this city and wished the opportunity of laying their grievances before the Board," being read; an order was taken that agreeable to their request, they be admitted and heard, and that to-morrow 10 o'clock, be appointed for that purpose.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 7th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Isaac Meason,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Neville,	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
Jonathan Hoge,	James McLene, and	
John Boyd,	John Whitehill,	
John Woods,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain James McLean, for ten pounds seven shillings, for his subsistence

for the months of July, August, and September, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Agreeably to the order of yesterday, Council proceeded to hear John Franklin and John Jenkins, Agents for the claimants under Connecticut, upon the subject of grievances alledged by the said claimants; and some time being spent therein, the further hearing was postponed until to-morrow at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 8th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Woods,	
James McLene,	John Boyd, and	
William Brown,	Isaac Meason,	

A petition from a number of persons styling themselves "late settlers of Wyoming, under legal titles from Pennsylvania, but now expelled from their possessions by persons claiming under Connecticut," was read; and an order taken that the same be transmitted to the General Assembly, together with a letter in the following words, vizt:

To the Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.

SIR:—Enclosed is a petition from a number of persons "styling themselves late settlers at Wyoming, under legal titles from Pennsylvania, but now expelled from their possessions by persons claiming under Connecticut."

It may also be proper to advise the House that the Agents of the claimants under Connecticut are now here, and wish to be heard by the Legislature.

I am Sir, with great regard,

Your most obedient humble servant,

CHARLES BIDDLE, V. P.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Philadelphia, 8th September, 1786.

The following draft of a proclamation was read and adopted, vizt:

By the Vice President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By the examination of a negro boy named Jim, taken before the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Judge of the

Admiralty, it appears that on or about the fifteenth ult., a certain James Burn did feloniously run away with, and carry off the negro boy aforesaid, and a sloop called the Bumper, Simpson, master, the property of David King and William M'Dowal, of the Island of Antigua:

And whereas, It appears by the deposition of James Kennard, Pilot, taken as aforesaid, that on the 29th of August last, being near Lewistown, in the bay of Delaware, he found the sloop aforesaid at anchor, with the negro boy Jem on Board, (the said Burn having previously quitted the sloop and gone ashore:)

And whereas, It is of the utmost importance that the perpetrator of such attrocious crimes be brought to condign punishment; we have thought fit to offer, and do hereby offer a public reward of one hundred dollars for the said James Burn, to any person who shall apprehend and secure him, to be paid on his conviction for the same: And all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs and Constables, are hereby strictly enjoined and required to make diligent search and enquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavors to apprehend and secure the said James Burn, his aiders, abettors and comforters, and every of them, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of the Vice President and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six.

CHARLES BIDDLE, V. P.

Attest—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Semptember 9th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President

Henry Hill,	John Woods,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Boyd,	
Stephen Balliet,	Isaac Meason,	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown, and	
John Whitehill,	John Neville,	
James M'Lene,		

The Comptroller General's report upon the claim of Colonel James O'Hara, for depreciation upon his pay as late Commissary in the general hospital, was read and referred to the Attorney General for his opinion thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 11th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Woods,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Boyd,	
Stephen Balliet,	Isaac Meason,	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown, and	
John Whitehill,	John Neville,	
James M'Lene,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds, in full for attendance in Council untill the thirty-first day of August last, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, for eighty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence, in full for two months salary due to him as Vice President of the State, ending the 10th instant.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for thirty pounds, for purchasing firewood for the use of Council and the Secretary's office, for which sum he is to account.

The petition of Joseph Miller of Lancaster county, stating that by neglecting to enter 425 gallons of rum and 50 gallons of wine, in the office of Collector of Excise of Lancaster county, he hath incurred the forfeiture of the same, and is also subjected to the payment of a considerable fine, one-half to the use of the State, and the other half to the said Collector, and praying Council to remit such part of the said fine and forfeiture as belongs to the State, was read; and an order taken that the fine due to the State be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 12th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	James M'Lene,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Woods,	
John Neville,	Isaac Meason, and	
John Boyd,	William Brown,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Armstrong, Junior, Esquire, for sixty pounds, advanced to him in part of his pay as Commissioner from this State to the Commercial Convention, under a resolution of the 21st of March, 1786, for which sum he is to account.

The cropping, which is a part of the sentence of the Court against George Davis, upon conviction of horse stealing, in the county of Dauphine, was remitted, upon the petition of the said Davis, and the recommendation of the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of said county.

Ordered, That the Agents for the sale of Confiscated Estates in the county of Northumberland, be directed to proceed to the sale of a tract of land situate in Buffaloe Valley, in the said county, late the estate of Thomas Mackenness, forfeited by his attainder of high treason, to the use of this Commonwealth, the said agents giving due notice of the time and place of sale.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 13th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Woods,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Isaac Meason,	
John Boyd,	James M'Lene,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville, and	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
William Brown,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Woods, Esquire, for forty-eight pounds fifteen shillings, for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

An order was taken that Captain Joseph Stiles be directed to furnish sixty weight of gunpowder for the use of the militia of this city and liberties, at their next meeting.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 14th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Stephen Balliet,	Isaac Meason,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Boyd,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Neville, and	
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	
James McLene,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Alexander Hale, for nine pounds, in full of his account for making four lottery wheels for public use, and painting the same, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an Act of Assembly dated the 24th of March, 1785.

Amos Gregg, Esquire, elected Chief Burgess of the borough of Bristol, in the county of Bucks, appeared in Council and took the affirmation of allegiance and of office required by the Constitution.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 15th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Isaac Meason,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
John Boyd,	John Neville,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
James McLene,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

A letter from the Board of Treasury, on the 7th instant, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the 5th, relative to the adjustment of an unliquidated account between the State of Pennsylvania and the United States, on account of monies supplied the late Superintendant of Finance, for the purpose of purchasing specific supplies, and by him stated as applied to the general purposes of the

Union, was read, and an order taken that the same be transmitted to the General Assembly, together with the following letter:

In Council, Philadelphia, Septem'r 15th, 1786.

SIR:—Inclosed is a letter from the Board of Treasury, with an act of Congress of the 5th instant. You will see the request of the Board, and the necessity of appointing some person to adjust this account, if such appointment has not already taken place.

CHARLES BIDDLE.

To the Speaker of the General Assembly.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Michael Bright, for twenty-one pounds seventeen shillings, amount of his account for ship bread furnished to the natives of China and India, under a resolution of the General Assembly of the fifth day of November, 1785, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 16th, 1786

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Boyd,	James M'Lene, &	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Neville,	
William Brown,		

The fine imposed upon Thomas Collins, on conviction of fornication and bastardy, in the county of Chester, was remitted.

The Council met

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 18th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
John Boyd,	James McLene,	
William Brown,	Stephen Balliet, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Bernard Dougherty,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	(now first returned,)	
John Neville,		

Upon the petition of James Packer, and Peter Hartman, in behalf of themselves and others, inhabitants of Pykeland township, in Chester county,

Ordered, That the sale of a lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth on the north side of Market or High street, one hundred and thirty-two feet, and in length on the east side of Fourth street from the river Schuylkill, three hundred and six feet, be postponed until the further order of Council, being the same lot which is divided into eight lots, numbered in the general plan as follows, vizt: No. 1932 to 1939, inclusive.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Isaac Snowden, Esquire, for four hundred and thirty-three pounds five shillings and five pence, being the balance due to him upon his acc't, as late Treasurer for the city and county of Philadelphia, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the petitions of Captains Alexander Craig, John McClelland, Hugh Martin, James Clark, William Guthrie, James Moore, Peter Rugh, Michael Frichman, of the first Battallion of Westmoreland County militia, it was

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland be directed to suspend the collection of the fines incurred by the petitioners for neglect of their duty as Officers of the militia for the county aforesaid, until the further order of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 19th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Isaac Meason,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	James McLene,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Boyd,	Bernard Dougherty, and	
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Brown, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

In favor of Messieurs John Hoge and William Montgomery, for eighty-two pounds one shilling and two pence, in full for their services and expences in measuring and laying off a certain part of the West Branch of Susquehannah, and for losses sustained in performing the said services, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Robert Galbraith, Esquire, for forty pounds twelve shillings, in full for his services and expences in running and marking the line between the old and late purchase from the waters of Susquehanna to those of the Allegany, and laying of the districts of the Deputy Surveyors thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 20th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Isaac Meason,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Bernard Dougherty,	
John Boyd,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Whitehill,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Messieurs Dunlap and Claypoole, for eighteen pounds two shillings and six pence, for printing for the Comptroller's office, according to the Comptroller General's report of this day.

In favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, in part of his salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and in the Admiralty Sessions for this State, according to a resolution of Assembly of the 13th of March, 1782.

In favor of John Holmes, for twenty-one pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence, in full of his account for blankets furnished for the Corps of Invalids, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of John Parker, for fifteen shillings, in full for bricklayer's work, mending the chimneys in the Council and Committee Chambers, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Colonel Abraham Smith, for one hundred and forty-five pounds five shillings, being the ballance due to him in specie, upon his acc't as late Lieutenant of Cumberland county, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the militia fines of said Cumberland county.

A letter from Tench Coxe, Esquire, one of the Commissioners to the Commercial Convention, inclosing sundry papers respecting the adjournment of the said Convention, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 21st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
Stephen Balliet,	Isaac Meason, and	
John Whitehill,	John Neville,	
James McLene,		

Colonel Francis Johnson was directed to advertise a further sale of city lots numbered from one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four, to two thousand one hundred and forty-four, inclusively, adjoining and near the Center Square, to be held on Saturday the seventh day of October next, at the old Coffee House.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for sixteen pounds ten shillings, in full for twenty-two days attendance in Council, between the 25th of August and 21st of September, 1786, the last day included.

A letter from John Wilkins, Esquire, praying leave to resign his office of Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, was read, and his resignation accepted.

Monday next was assigned for going into the appointment of a Lieutenant of the said county of Cumberland, in the room of Mr. Wilkins.

A letter from John Pierce, Esquire, of the seventh instant, inclosing sundry receipts signed by the Agents of the Pennsylvania line, for one million three hundred and two thousand five hundred and sixty four dollars and fifty-four ninetieths of a dollar, in certificates for the arrears due the Pennsylvania line, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 22nd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
John Boyd,	John Neville,	
Stephen Balliet,	Bernard Dougherty, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
James McLene,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 23rd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Bernard Dougherty,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Isaac Meason,	
John Boyd,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Pearson, for one hundred pounds, in part for repairing the State House, for which sum he is to account.

A certificate of the division of the township of Pitt, in the county of Westmoreland, by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Hanna's Town, for the county aforesaid, on the second Tuesday in January last, was read, and an order taken that the division be confirmed, agreeably to the decree of the said Court.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 25th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Isaac Meason,	
John Boyd,	John Neville, and	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
James McLene,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, for fifteen pounds, and the Honorable Jonathan Hoge for twenty-nine pounds ten shillings, in full for their attendance in Council respectively, until this day included, and the mileage of the latter.

The petition of the Earl of Shelburne, by his Attorney Timothy Hurst, stating his claim to sundry city lots and lands in this State, in right of the original purchase of Sir William Petty from William Penn, the first Proprietor of Pennsylvania, was read, and referred to the Surveyor General to examine the records of his office, and report thereon.

Agreeably to the minute of the 21st instant, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, in the room of John Wilkins, Esquire, resigned; and the votes being taken, it appeared that George Gibson, Esquire, was duly appointed to that office.

Upon the petitions of Edward Fox and Abraham Shoemaker, and recommendations accompanying the same, it was

Ordered, That the said Edward Fox and Abraham Shoemaker be appointed and commissionated Notarys Public for this Commonwealth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 26th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Whitehill, and	
John Boyd,	William Brown,	
Isaac Meason,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, for one quarter's salary as Chief Justice, ending the 25th instant.

In favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, for one quarter's salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, ending the 25th instant.

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, for one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the 18th instant, according to the Comptroller General's reports.

In favor of the Honorable Isaac Meason, for thirty-eight pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 27th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Neville,	
John Boyd,	William Brown, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Stephen Balliet,	
John Whitehill,		

John Carothers, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of West Pennsborough township, in the county of Cumberland, upon a return made according to law. Mr. Carothers was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Peter Burkholder, for one hundred and fifty-two pounds, being the ballance due to him in specie, upon a settlement of his account as late Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The fine imposed upon Darby McMimary, upon conviction of larceny, in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 28th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Neville, and	
John Whitehill,	Bernard Dougherty,	
James McLene,		

On motion,

Ordered That the sale of William Hay's estate, by the Sheriff of the county of Lancaster, be postponed until the further order of Council.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Pearson, for one hundred pounds, in part of his account for repairing the State House, for which sum he is to account.

Council having received information of a robbery being committed upon several friendly Indians, at or near Tioga, by a certain John Hogg and some people that were with him, in the month of August last, it was

Ordered, That the sum of twelve pounds specie be put into the hands of Samuel Dale, Esquire, who was instructed to proceed to Tioga, and pay the same to such Indians as have been robbed, to reimburse them for the articles taken from them; and an order was drawn upon the Treasurer accordingly.

Copies of the law for erecting the northern part of the county of Northumberland into a separate county, were delivered to Mr. Dale, with instructions to distribute the same, for the information of people residing within the new county.

The fines imposed upon John Conrad Latour and John Speckert, upon conviction of a cheat, in the county of Philadelphia, were remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 29th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville, and	
John Boyd,	Bernard Dougherty,	
John Whitehill,		

Ordered, That Alexander Lowry, Jacob Cook and Joseph Work, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for the purpose of disposing of the estate of William Hay, of Dauphin county, late Collector of Excise for Lancaster county, and they or any two of them, to contract for the whole, or divided, and let the payments be such as will best answer the interest of the State.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the county of Lancaster be authorized and directed to execute a deed or deeds to any person or persons the Commissioners aforesaid may sell the said estate to, in the same manner as if sold by himself.

A return of the distance from the Canoe Place, on Susquehanna, to the Kittanning, on the Allegany river, together with the boundaries of the several districts of James Potter, James Johnston, James Hamilton, George Woods, Junior, and Thomas Brown McLene, as surveyed and laid down by Robert Galbraith, Esquire, in pursuance of an order of Council dated the 8th of April last, was presented to Council; which being read and considered, an order was taken that the same be confirmed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 30th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Bernard Dougherty, and	
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville,	
John Boyd,		

Christopher Waggoner, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Lower Saucon and Williams townships, in the county of Northampton, upon a return made according to law.

Mr. Waggoner was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 2d, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Neville,	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown, and	
John Boyd,	Bernard Dougherty,	
John Whitehill,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James McLene, Esquire, for fifty-three pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

The whipping imposed upon Adam Boylan, upon conviction of larceny, in the county of Montgomery, was remitted.

Upon the petition of Valentine Goosehead, convicted of horse stealing in the county of Franklin, and a recommendation in his favor from a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county, it was

Ordered, That the said Valentine Goosehead be and he hereby is pardoned.

Mr. Boyd, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Balliet, and Mr. Brown, were appointed a committee to superintend the drawing of the lottery for the donation lands, agreeably to the directions of the act of Assembly passed the twenty-fourth day of March, 1785.

Mr. Whitehill attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 3d, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Neville,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Bernard Dougherty, &	
Stephen Balliet,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,		

William Cook, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Point, in the county of Northumberland, upon a return made according to law.

Mr. Cook was also commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of the said county.

On motion,

Ordered, That pardons under the Great Seal, issue to Phineas Bond, John Potts, and Michael Connor, severally attainted of high treason.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Doctor John Foulke, for ten pounds, in full of his account for medicines and attendance upon several deceased natives of China and India, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid according to a resolution of Assembly dated the 5th of November, 1785.

James Duncan, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Collector of Excise in the county of Cumberland.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 4th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Boyd,	
Stephen Balliet,	Peter Muhlenberg, and,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Bernard Dougherty,	
John Whitehill,		

Information being given to Council that a certain Brinkhurst, supposed to be concerned in cheating and defrauding

the Commonwealth, by falsely obtaining sundry depreciation and other certificates, to which they were not intituled, is now in the State of New Jersey, and may be secured if a reward and allowance of expences be promised for so doing: Therefore,

Ordered, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure the said Brinkhurst, over and besides reasonable expences, which reward and expences are to be paid upon the said Brinkhurst's being convicted of the offence before mentioned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 5th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Bernard Dougherty,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Neville, and	
Stephen Balliet,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court, for one hundred pounds, for defraying their expences on the circuit, for which sum they are to account.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Samuel John Atlee, Esquire, for one hundred and eighty-six pounds five shillings, being a ballance due to him in specie, upon his account as settled by the Comptroller General, to be paid out of the militia fines of Lancaster county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 6th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville, and	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasuer in favor of the Honorable Stephen Balliet, Esquire, for thirty-eight pounds five shillings, ballance due upon his account as a Commissioner for laying out the

State Highway from Lehigh Water Gap, in Northampton county, to Wioming, in the county of Northumberland, as settled by the Comptroller General.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 7th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	Johathan Hoge, and	
John Boyd,	William Brown,	
Bernard Dougherty,		

The cropping, which is a part of the sentence of the Court against John Lupton, upon conviction of forgery, in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The fine imposed upon James Harper, upon conviction of an assault and battery in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 9th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Stephen Balliet,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Boyd,	William Brown,	
Bernard Dougherty,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer:

In favor of the Honorable John Bayard, Esquire, for two hundred and eighteen pounds twelve shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress as a delegate from this State, until the 25th of September last, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable William Henry, Esquire, for four hundred and eighty-nine pounds fourteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress until the eighteenth of July last, inclusively, and his mileage, and for five days' pay while detained in Philadelphia, waiting for a number of papers relating to the affairs of Wioming, according to the Comptroller General's report, the detention being by order of Council.

Adam Grubb and Richard Hill Morris, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace for the town of Chester, and county of Chester, upon a return made according to law.

Messieurs Grubb and Morris, were also appointed Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county.

Council proceeded to elect by ballot a Prothonotary for the county of Luzerne, when it appeared that Timothy Pickering was duly appointed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 10th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
John Boyd,	William Brown,	
Stephen Balliet,	John Neville, and	
Bernard Dougherty,	Jonathan Hoge,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esq'r, for fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to his Clerk on the 6th inst., according to the Comptroller General's report.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the estate of James Barber, deceased, for one hundred and twenty-six pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence, being the ballance due upon his account as late Sub-Lieutenant of Lancaster county, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the militia fines of said county.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of John Bosley, for provisions and services, &ca , for the Ranging company of Northumberland county, was read and approved.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Boyd, Esquire, for thirty-three pounds fifteen shillings.

In favor of the Honorable Stephen Balliet, Esquire, for thirty pounds.

In favor of the Honorable John Neville, Esquire, for ninety-three pounds fifteen shillings.

In favor of the Honorable Bernard Dougherty, for twenty-nine pounds ten shillings, in full for their attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and the mileage of Messieurs Boyd, Neville, and Dougherty.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 11th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, William Brown, } Esquires.
John Whitehill, and

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 12th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, William Brown, and } Esquires.
John Whitehill, Peter Muhlenberg,

Mr. Muhlenberg was added to the Committee appointed to superintend the drawing of the lottery for the donation lands, agreeably to the directions of the Act of Assembly passed the twenty-fourth day of March, 1785.

Timothy Pickering, Esquire, was appointed and commissioned to be Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, Clerk of the Orphans' Court, and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Luzerne.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 13th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg, and } Esquires.
John Whitehill, Samuel Dean,
William Brown,

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Michael Reinhart, for seventeen pounds four shillings, for riding express under orders from Council in 1777, and

for a horse lost in said service, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Captain Israel Moore, for one hundred and thirty-six pounds twelve shillings and four pence, being due to his company of Chester county militia, for their services in September and October, 1781, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the militia fines of Chester county.

Returns of the general election in the city and county of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Berks and Lancaster, were received and read, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected.

For the city of Philadelphia :

Representatives—Robert Morris, Thomas Fitzsimmons, George Clymer, William Will and Jacob Hiltzheimer.
Wardens—Philip Wager and Andrew Bunner.
Commissioners for the Streets—Philip Pancake and Peter Ozeas.

For the county of Philadelphia :

Representatives—Thomas Mifflin, Isaac Gray, William Robinson, Junior, John Salter and George Logan.
Sheriffs—Joseph Cowperthwaite and James Ash.
Coroners—John Leacock and John Knight.
Commissioners—Hugh Roberts and Peter Browne.

For the county of Bucks :

Representatives—Gerardus Wynkoop.
Sheriffs—William Roberts and Jacob Bennet.
Coroners—Isaac Vanhorn and Joseph Hart.

For the county of Chester :

Representatives—
Sheriffs—Ezekiel Leonard and John Davis.
Coroners—John Harper and Jonathan Vernon.

For the county of Berks :

Representatives—
Sheriffs—Peter Filbert and Daniel Ludwig.
Coroners—Peter Nagle and Peter Feather, the younger.

For the county of Lancaster :

Representatives—Samuel John Atlee, Alexander Lowry, Joseph Work, Emanuel Carpenter.
Sheriffs—John Miller and James Ross.
Coroners—John Offner and Andrew Graff.

Joseph Copperthwaite, Esquire, was appointed Sheriff, and John Leacock, Coroner, for the city and county of Philadelphia.

William Roberts, Esquire, was appointed Sheriff, and Isaac Vanhorn, Coroner, for the county of Bucks.

Ezekiel Leonard, Esquire, Sheriff, and John Harper, Coroner, for the county of Chester.

Peter Filbert, Esquire, Sheriff and Coroner for the county of Berks.

And John Miller, Esquire, Sheriff, and John Offner, Coroner, for the county of Lancaster.

The following gentlemen were offered as sureties for the Sheriffs before appointed and accepted by Council:

For Joseph Cowperthwaite, Samuel Miles, Jacob Morgan and William Coats, tanner.

For William Roberts, Gerardus Wynkoop and Joseph Jenks.

For Ezekiel Leonard, Richard Baker, and Emmor Jeffries.

For Peter Filbert,

For John Miller, Adam Reigart, and Adam Weaver.

Timothy Pickering, Esquire, appearing in Council, the oaths of office were administered to him as Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, Clerk of the General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Orphans' Court, and a Justice of the Common Pleas for the county of Luzerne.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 14th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, and Samuel Dean, William Brown, John Whitehill, } Esquires.

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, Vice President, for Martha Willet, for a tract of one hundred and seventy-two acres and one hundred and forty-four perches of land, situate in the township of Southampton, in the county of Bucks, late the estate of Walter Willet, forfeited by his attainder of high treason. Deed dated this day.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Rees, for thirteen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, for the improvement of the State House yard, until the 12th of October instant, inclusively, according to the Comptroller General's report.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Benjamin G. Eyres, Esquire, for sixty-six pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for ship room for the East Indians, from the 30th of

December, 1785, until the 27th of September, 1786, and for firewood and damages sustained, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 6th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, John Whitehill,
Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, and } Esquires.
William Brown, Jonathan Hoge,

Two following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirtieth day of September last.

In favor of the Honorable Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, for one hundred and thirty-five pounds, in full for his attendance in Congress until the 8th inst., inclusively.

Returns of the General Elections in the counties of Northampton, Dauphine, and Montgomery, were presented to Council and read, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected.

For the county of Northampton:

Counsellor—Robert Trail.
Representatives—Peter Trexler, Jun'r, Thomas Mawhorter, Robert Brown, and Peter Burkholder.
Sheriffs—Peter Ealer and Jacob Bachman.
Coroners—Conrad Ihrie and George Schryver.

For the county of Montgomery:

Representatives—Charles Moore, Samuel Wheeler, James Hockley, and Jacob Reiff.
Sheriffs—Zebulon Potts and Christian Dull.
Coroners—Stephen Bloom and Henry Sheetz.

For the county of Dauphine:

Representatives—
Sheriffs.—Anthony Kelker and Alexander Berryhill.
Coroners.—Peter Miller and Michael Copp.

Peter Ealer, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Conrad Ihrie, jun'r, Coroner, for the county of Northampton.

Zebulon Potts, Sheriff, and Stephen Bloom, Coroner, for the county of Montgomery; and Anthony Kelker, Esquire, Sheriff, and Peter Miller, Coroner, for the county of Dauphine.

The following gentlemen were offered as sureties, and approved by Council:

For Peter Ealer, Esquire, Jonas Hartzel and Peter Seip, Esquire.

For Zebulon Potts, Esquire, Samuel Wheeler, Joseph Tyson, and Henry Pauling.

For Anthony Kelker, Esquire, Daniel Bradley, and Christopher Uhler.

Upon the petition of Jacob Shupe, of Nockamixon township, in the county of Bucks, an order was taken that the fine to the State imposed upon a certain Joseph Van Flea, upon conviction of passing counterfeit dollars, knowing them to be such, in the said county, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 17th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge, and	} Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Whitehill,	
William Brown,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for fifteen pounds, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively.

The fine due to the State imposed upon Elizabeth McConnell, upon conviction of retailing spirituous liquors without licence, in the county of Lancaster, was remitted, upon her petition and a recommendation from the Court.

A return of the General Election held in the county of

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 18th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Whitehill,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 19th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown, and	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

A letter from the Secretary of Congress, enclosing a late ordinance of Congress for instituting a Board of Commissioners of Accounts.

A return of the General Election for the county of Cumberland was read, and Charles Leiper thereupon appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and William Blair, Jun'r, Coroner. William Miller and Alexander McGighen, were offered and accepted as securities for Charles Leiper.

A return of the General Election for the county of York was read, and John Edie thereupon appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Andrew Johnston Coroner. Samuel Edie and David McCaunaghy were offered and accepted as security for John Edie.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 21st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown, and	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Robert Wood, for sixty pounds, in full of his account for twelve hundred pieces of parchment furnished for patenting the donation lands to officers and soldiers of this State, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated 24th of March, 1785.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 23d, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown, and	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	

Returns of the General Election for the counties of Franklin, Northumberland and Northampton, were received and read.

William McClay, Esquire, from Northumberland, and Robert Trail, Esquire, from Northampton, were admitted to seats at this Board, agreeably to the returns aforesaid, after having taken the oath prescribed by the Constitution of the State.

Orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Pearson, for one hundred and ninety-five pounds five shillings and six pence, and thirty-seven pounds six shillings and one penny, being the ballance due upon his two accounts for repairing the State House and improving the State House lot, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 24th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
William McClay,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Robert Trail,	William Brown, and	
Samuel Dean,	Henry Hill,	
James McClean,		

A return of the General Election for the county of Washington was received and read, by which it appears that David Redick, Esquire, was duly elected Counsellor; James Marshall and William Wallace, Sheriffs; and William McConnell and Joseph Wherry, Coroners for the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 25th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
William McClay,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Robert Trail,	William Brown, and	
Samuel Dean,	Henry Hill,	
James McClean,		

The fines imposed upon John Judee, of Northampton county, on conviction of horse stealing, were remitted.

John Chapman, Esquire, this day presented a resignation of his appointments of Justice of the Peace and Common Pleas for the county of Bucks.

Gerardus Wyncoop, Esquire, also presented a resignation of his appointment of Collector of Excise for the county aforesaid.

Ordered, That to-morrow be assigned for going into the election of a successor to Mr. Wyncoop.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 26th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Robert Trail,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William McClay,	
John Whitehill,	William Brown, and	
James McLene,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

Agreeably to the order of yesterday, Council proceeded to the election of a Collector of Excise for the county of Bucks, in the room of Gerardus Wynkoop, Esquire, resigned; and the ballots being taken, it appeared that William Harvey, Esquire, was duly appointed to that office.

Two letters from Charles Thompson, Esquire, inclosing two acts of Congress, the one for augmenting the Fœderal troops, and the other for establishing a Mint of the United States of America, were read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 27th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
James McClean,	William Brown, and	
Robert Trail,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
William McClay,		

Thomas Beale, Esquire, appeared in Council, and requested leave to resign his office of Justice of the Peace, and Justice of the Common Pleas, for the county of Cumberland; which resignation Council agreed to accept.

A Committee from the General Assembly, consisting of Mr. Hiltzheimer, Mr. Whitehill and Mr. Clymer, attended in Council, and gave information that the House was now formed, and ready to receive any business which Council might have to lay before them. To this they added the wishes of the House that Council would be pleased to communicate their sense of the time and place for going into the election of a President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel John McDowell, Esquire, for thirty-five pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence, in full for pay due to the field and staff officers of his battallion of Chester county militia, for their services in 1781, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the militia fines of said county.

In favor of Mathew McClung, for thirty-one pounds ten shillings and eleven pence, State money, in full for a horse furnished by him for public service, according to the Comptroller General's report, and a resolution of Assembly dated 8th of April, 1782.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 28th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, William Brown,
Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg,
John Whitehill, Robert Trail, and
James McLene, William McClay,
Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Brown, Esquire, for thirty-four pounds six shillings, for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of Griffith Jones, for one hundred and fifty-six pounds four shillings and four pence, to be paid to Captain Jonathan Rowland's company of Chester county militia, for their services in the year 1781, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the militia fines of the said county.

In favor of Levi Hollingsworth, for eighteen pounds nineteen shillings and six pence, in full of his account for expences attending the removal of a number of East Indians from this State to the State of Maryland, and for provisions furnished them, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Colonel Andrew Porter, for two hundred and eighty pounds, in full of his account for his pay as a Commissioner for ascertaining the Western boundary of Pennsylvania, until the 26th of this month, inclusively, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The following draft of a letter to the Speaker of the General Assembly, was read and approved:

In Council, Philadelphia, October 29th, 1786.

SIR:—I have the honor of transmitting the inclosed papers for the information of the General Assembly. I am, Sir, with the highest respect, your most obedient servant,

CHARLES BIDDLE, Vice President.

Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.

Papers inclosed:

Two letters from Charles Thompson, Esquire, inclosing two acts of Congress, the one for augmenting the Federal troops, and the other for establishing a Mint of the United States of America.

Letter from the Honorable the Board of Treasury of the United States, inclosing an act of Congress of the 18th of September, 1786, on the subject of the paper currency now in circulation in some of the States.

A letter, circular, from the Honorable John Dickinson, Esquire, President of the Commercial Convention, and a copy of the proceedings of the said Convention.

Mr. Dale's report, and a letter from James Marshall, Esquire, Lieutenant of Washington county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 30th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, John Whitehill, Peter Muhlenberg, William M'Clay, Jonathan Hoge, James M'Lene, and Henry Hill, } Esquires.

The Comptroller General's report upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Robert Morris, Esquire, as late Agent of Pennsylvania, for purchasing specific supplies.

Of Daniel Kennedy, late Adjutant of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, for his pension.

Of William Scott, Esquire, late Paymaster of the militia of the county of York.

Of Tench Francis, Esquire, as one of the Agents for the sale of the Barracks in the Northern Liberties.

Of Michael Hillegas, Esquire, as one of the Agents for the sale of the Barracks in the Northern Liberties.

And of William Parr, Esquire, as late Master of the Rolls, for removing the public records.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Abel Morgan, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Montgomery, for one hundred and fifty pounds, towards defraying the expences of exercising the militia of said county, for which sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 31st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William M'Clay,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

Mr. Dean was appointed one of the committee for superintending the drawing of the Lottery of donation lands.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 1st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

James M'Lene,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
William M'Clay,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Henry Hill,	

A letter from Stephen Porter, Esquire, Commissary to the Commissioners for running the Western line of this Commonwealth, stating, "that there are yet on hand, the property of the public, a waggon, six horses, &ca., and praying the direction of the Board concerning them," was read, and an order taken that Mr. Porter be instructed to make sale of the horses, &ca., by public vendue, on Saturday the fourth instant. It was farther ordered, that a public horse reported in the possession of William Armstrong, Commissary to the Commissioners for running the Northern line, be also sold at the time and place above mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. Harring be commissioned a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for Franklin county, and a Justice of the Peace for Southampton district, in said county.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for twenty-seven pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and ten pence, ballance due upon his account for firewood purchased for Council and the Secretary's office, and for his wages as doorkeeper untill the 31st of October, 1786.

In favor of Eleazer Oswald, for forty-three pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, in full of his account for printing work done for Council, and for the Independent Gazetteer, furnished to Council, 1¾ of a year, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Colonel John Moore, Lieutenant Colonel Jacob Reed and Major George Wright, of Philadelphia county, for twenty-three pounds two shillings & six pence, in full for militia services performed in the year 1777, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 2d, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

James M'Lene,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
William M'Clay,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Henry Hill,	

John Smilie, Esquire, took his seat at this Board as Councillor for the county of Fayette, upon a return made of the general election for the county aforesaid, agreeably to law, having previously taken the necessary oaths of qualification.

By the same return, it appears that James Hammond, Esquire, and Uriah Springer, are returned as Sheriffs elect, and Henry Beeson and Thomas Rogers, as Coroners elect for the county of Fayette.

A return of the general election for the county of Westmoreland, was received and read, by which it appears that John Beard, Esquire, was duly elected to the office of Counsellor, William Perry and John Cummins to that of Sheriff, and John Gibson and Thomas Jones to that of Coroner, for the said county.

Mr. Hill, Mr. M'Lene and Mr. M'Clay were, upon motion, declared a committee to confer with a committee of the General Assembly, on the appointment of a time and place for going into the election of a President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council.

Bedford. John Cannon and William Barr, Esquires, now first elected to seats in the General Assembly, resigned their offices of Justices of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in the counties they respectively represent.

Upon petition, were remitted, the fine and corporal punishment of Anne Sutter, convicted of larceny at the October Sessions of the City Court.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 3rd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Jonathan Hoge,
Samuel Dean, John Whitehill, and
William McClay, John Smilie,
James McLene, } Esquires.

The fine imposed upon Edward Price, upon conviction of larceny in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 4th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Jonathan Hoge,
Samuel Dean, Peter Mulenberg,
John Whitehill, William McClay, and
James McLene, John Smilie, } Esquires.

On order was taken that Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver thirty weight of gunpowder to Captain Jeremiah Fisher, for public use.

Upon the petition of John Lynch, and a deposition accompanying the same, it was

Ordered, That the fine and forfeiture to the State, incurred by his neglecting to enter a hogshead of port wine in the office of the Collectors of Excise, be remitted.

The Clerk of the House attended, and informed Council that the General Assembly were ready to receive Council, agreeably to their appointment, and to proceed with them to the intended election.

Council and Assembly having met, and their votes collectively being taken, it appeared that his Excellency Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, was duly elected President, and the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, Vice President, of the Supreme Executive Council of this Commonwealth.

Proclamation was then made of the said President and Vice President, and the following order of procession observed:

ORDER OF PROCESSION, for November 4th, 1786.

Constables with their staves.
Sub-Sheriffs with their wands.
High Sheriff and Coroner with their wands.
Judges of the Supreme Court, and Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.
Attorney General, and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.
Marshall of the Admiralty.
Judge and Register of the Admiralty.
Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia.
Naval Officer, Collector of Customs, and Tonnage Officer.
Treasurer and Comptroller General.
Secretary of the Land Office.
Receiver General and Surveyor General.
Justices of the Peace.
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas and Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions.
Clerk of the City Court.
Master of the Rolls and Register of Wills.
Assistant Secretary of the Council.
Secretary of the Council.
His Excellency the President, and the Honorable the Vice President.
Members of the Council, two and two.
Door-keeper of the Council
Serjeant-at-Arms with the mace.
Clerks of the General Assembly.
Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.
Members of the General Assembly, two and two.
Door-keeper of the General Assembly.
Provost and Faculty of the University.
Officers of the Militia.
Citizens.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 6th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William McClay,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Whitehill,	John Smilie,	

The Honorable Mr Biddle took the oaths required by the Constitution as a qualification for the exercise of his office of Vice President.

Upon the petition of Hannah Harris, it was

Ordered, That she be released from confinement, upon payment of her fine and fees

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for eighteen pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of William Trotter, for twelve pounds ten shillings, in full for principal and interest due upon his certificate for a horse furnished for public use, according to the Comptroller General's report, and resolution of Assembly dated the 8th of April, 1782.

Mr. Smilie attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty pounds five shillings, in full for attendance in Council until the 31st of October, 1786.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of George Row, for eighteen pounds, due for his pension.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 7th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William McClay,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Whitehill,	John Smilie,	

A petition from Messieurs Powell, Martin, and Piper, was received, stating, "That abuses have been committed at the late general election in Bedford county, and praying that Council, to investigate the fact, may issue their order, directed to the Judges of the election of the several districts of the said county, and other proper officers, to transmit without delay to the Secretary of Council, the certificates, tally papers, poll lists, tickets, and all other documents which concern the election of a Councellor for the county aforesaid, and that they call for such witnesses in the case as they may think proper."

On motion,

Ordered, That the prayer of the petition be granted, and that Wednesday, the twenty-ninth instant, be assigned for hearing the witnesses named by the petitioners, vizt: John Cessna, Andrew

Mann, William Alexander, Uriah Blue, Moses Reed, Henry and Benjamin Martin, and for considering the papers and documents aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. McClay,

Ordered, That a copy of this minute be transmitted to George Woods, Esquire, with an abstract from the petition aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 8th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Whitehill, Esquire, for fifty-seven pounds five shillings, for attendance in Council from the 30th of August until the tenth of this month, both days included, and his mileage.

In favor of Captain Jacob Metzger, late of Colonel Haverstick's battalion of Lancaster county militia, for seven pounds thirteen shillings and five pence, in full for militia services in the years 1777, 1778 and 1779, to be paid out of the militia fines of the said county.

In favor of Messrs. Dunlap and Claypoole, for thirty-two pounds one shilling, in full for their account for publishing proclamations of Council, and other papers of a public nature, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 9th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	

The fine imposed upon Laughlin McIntosh, for retailing spirituous liquors in this city without licence, was remitted.

The fine imposed upon Hannah Harris, upon conviction of a misdemeanor, in receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, was remitted; and an order taken that she be released from confinement upon payment of her fees.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, for defraying the contingent expences of his office, for which sum he is to be accountable.

In favor of Andrew Ellicott, Esquire, for three hundred and sixty-five pounds twelve shillings and six pence, in full of his account for his pay as a Commissioner for running and ascertaining the Northern boundary of this Commonwealth, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General, and ending the 13th of October last.

In favor of James Chandler, for forty-eight pounds, in full of his acco't for riding express from Wilmington to Chester, and from Wilmington to Cantwell's bridge, sundry times, on public business, in the years 1776 and 1777, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 10th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William McClay,	
James McLene,	John Smilie, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for two pounds twelve shillings and six pence in bills of credit, in pursuance of the resolution of Congress of 18th of March, 1780, and the other for seven pounds ten shillings in State money, dated the 7th of April, 1781, being ballances due upon a settlement of the account of the Trustees of State (late Province) Island, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of William Gilleland, for one hundred and thirty-three pounds ten shillings and four pence State money, in full for principal and interest due upon his certificates for two horses furnished for public service, according to the Comptroller General's report, and a resolution of Assembly dated 8 April, 1782.

In favor of Samuel Dale, Esquire, for eight pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for seven days going to and coming from Wioming, on public business, by order of Council, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELP'A, Saturday, November 11th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William McClay,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Smilie, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
James McLene,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasury in favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for eight pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance until the 12th of November, 1786, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 13th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William McClay, and	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
James McLene,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Clement Biddle, Esquire, for seventy-seven pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, amount of his account for rations furnished to the Invalid corps, in the months of August, September, and October, 1786, according to the Comptroller General's report and an Act of Assembly dated the 22nd of September, 1785.

In favor of George Pearson, for thirty-two pounds ten shillings, for making a new roof for the Committee room of the State House, under a contract with the General Assembly of the 27th of September, 1786, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The fine imposed upon John Besler, on conviction of horse stealing in the county of Berks, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 14th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, William McClay,
Samuel Dean, John Smilie, and } Esquires.
James McLene, Peter Muhlenberg,

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 15th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, William McClay,
Samuel Dean, John Smilie, and } Esquires.
James McLene, Peter Muhlenberg,

On the letter from Messieurs Samuel Caldwell and John Barclay,

Ordered, That William Bradford, Jun'r, Jonathan Dickinson Serjeant, and Edward Tilghman, Esquires, be employed as counsel in behalf of the Commonwealth, in the cause now depending between Thomas Proctor, Esquire, and the State, respecting the right to Hogg Island.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the 31st of October last, inclusively.

The following draft of a message from the President and Council to the General Assembly, was read and approved:

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—The following subjects have presented themselves to us as important, and are submitted to your consideration.

By a report of the 4th of October, from Messieurs Porter and McClean, we are informed, that the business upon which they were employed is now finished, and that the Western line of this State extends some distance into Lake Erie.

The advantages which may result to the public from this circumstance, if well understood and properly improved, have led us to suggest the expediency of setting off and reserving to the use of this Commonwealth a tract of land, of such shape and dimensions as shall take in all those parts of the Lake falling within our limits.

By a law passed on the 16th day of September, 1785, the 10th day of April next has been made the period for compleating all titles to lands held by location, or other office right, obtained before the 10th day of September, 1776, and yet remaining unpatented. On this we would state our information, that the indulgence offered by this law has been seldom used, and our belief, that notwithstanding the wishes of the people to accommodate, it will, eventually, meet with but little compliance. Should the penal part of it be strictly observed, it is hard to say what evils it might originate, or where they would cease. The presumption is, that they would be many and extensive; and, in this event, we need scarcely suggest how much safer and better it would be to alter the law, than to risk the experiment. Another objection to the law, as it now stands, will arise from the mode prescribed for its execution. By reference to an Act of Assembly passed the 9th day of April, 1781, the Land Officers are directed to make out and transmit "to the respective County Commissioners, list of delinquents for purchase money and interest, or arrearages of purchase money and interest, in their counties, respectively, upon which lists the Commissioners are required to issue their Warrants of Sale, &ca.;" but from a view of the Land Office books, it appears that all accounts are in the names of the original warrantees, who in many instances are dead, and who in others have transferred the property, whence it must follow that these lists cannot be made a directory for the processes to be instituted. Under these circumstances, two expedients offer, which in our opinion, obviate all objection, and make compliance easy. The first of these is, to extend the term given for compleating titles; the other, to make all funded certificates of the State receiveable at the Land Office, for every description of debt due therein. To the former no objection has occurred, and to the latter such only as may be drawn from the law entituled "An Act for emitting the sum of five hundred thousand pounds, &ca.;" and which may be easily and fairly removed by commuting the fund. To this, we would only add, that we cannot enter into either the justice or policy of keeping a resource of so much promise as the arrearages are stated to be, exclusively charged with the redemption of a sum which does not, in fact, amount to more than sixty-five thousand pounds, when, if made immediately to operate upon the certificates of the State, they would, soon and necessarily, absorb a much greater proportion of our debt. Number one of the papers inclosed, will illustrate this calculation.

Our duty has occasionally led us to enquire into the sales of land within the new or last Indian purchase, and it is with some regret, that we find ourselves able to assure you, that they fall far short of every hope and calculation that we had entertained concerning them. This failure we attribute to the high and very unequal price set upon the land. To liberate this fund, therefore, from its present inactivity, and make it as productive as we had originally expected,

we think it only necessary that the price of the land be lowered. The nearer it can be brought to that of the old purchase the better.

We are of opinion the reserved tract opposite to Pittsburgh, should now be sold, and that if divided into small lots, for the accommodation of the town, it would sell to the greatest advantage.

We enclose the petitions of John Sharp and Anthony Selin.

B. FRANKLIN.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Philadelphia, November 15th, 1786.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, for eighty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence, in full for two months salary as Vice President, due and ending the 10th instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 16th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, William McClay,
Samuel Dean, John Smilie, and } Esquires.
James McLene, Peter Muhlenberg,

The fine imposed upon George Davis, of Dauphine county, on his conviction for horse stealing, was remitted.

Thomas Grant, Esquire, was commissioned Sheriff, and John Scott, Esquire, Coroner, for the county of Northumberland.

The Comptroller's report upon the accounts of Stephen Bowen, Lewis Grenow, and John Traynor, for transporting militia baggage in 1781, was read and approved, and orders drawn in favor of said Bowen, for the sum of ten pounds ten shillings, and in favor of Grenow and Traynor for ten pounds.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William McClay, Esquire, for twenty-six pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the 16th instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 17th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie, and	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
James McLene,		

John Beard, Esquire, took his seat at this Board, agreeably to a return of the general election for the county of Westmoreland, (read the 2nd inst.,) having previously taken the several oaths of qualifications.

The fines imposed upon Thomas Warden, John Smith, Elizabeth Bell M'Iber, John Butler, Margaret M'Cilton, Alexander Montgomery, Negro Bill Glascow, Richard Adison, John Tobby, Timothy Murphy, John Moore, Mary Bowman, Catharine Raynor, Catharine M'Cann, Isaac Duffield, John Murphy, John Johnston, Margaret Stanley, Daniel O'Neal, Matthew Dorsey, John Habacker, Henry Sifton, Philip Cook, Francis Dailey, Arthur M'Garrity, Edward Price, John Otto, Patrick M'Dorman, James Smart, Arthur Harbert, Thomas Linsey, John Jones, William Callaghan, Elizabeth Murphy, Barney O'Neal, Jesse Hall and James Shields, now confined in the jail in this city and county of Philadelphia, were remitted, in consideration of their extreme poverty.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 20th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Mr. Smilie,	

David Redick, Esquire, took his seat at this Board, agreeably to a return of the General election for the county of Washington, (read on the 24th of October last,) having previously taken the several oaths of qualification.

The fine imposed upon Mary Lyon, upon conviction of fornication and bastardy, in the county of Fayette, was remitted.

The petition of Peter Bell, of Chester county, praying that the sale of his estate by the Sheriff of the said county, for a debt due

by him to the Commonwealth, may be postponed for three months from this date, was read, and the prayer thereof granted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Stephen Porter, for four hundred and four pounds eight shillings and two pence, ballance due upon his account as Commissary to the Commissioners for running and marking the Western boundary of Pennsylvania, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Jeremiah Talbot, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Conrad Snyder, Coroner, of the county of Franklin. Colonel James Chambers and Benjamin Chambers, Junior, were accepted as sureties for Mr. Talbott.

A letter from Edward Shippen, Esquire, praying leave to resign his offices of President of the Court of General Quarter Sessions and Justice of the Peace, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 21st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
James McLene,	John Smilie,	
John Baird,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Armstrong, Esquire, for six hundred and thirty pounds nine shillings and six pence, ballance due upon his account as Commissary to the Commissioners for running and marking the Northern boundary of this State, according to the Comptroller General's report.

A certificate of the division of Peters township, in the county of Washington, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions held at Washington, for the county aforesaid, the last Tuesday in September, 1784, was read, and order taken that the division aforesaid be confirmed, agreeably to the decree of the said Court.

John Hoge and Thomas Scott, Esquires, were appointed and commissioned Justices of the Peace for the district of Washington, in the county of Washington; and Edward Cook and Ephraim Walters, Esquires, Justices of the Peace, the former for the district of Washington, and the latter for the district of German townships, in the county of Fayette.

Upon returns made according to law, for the districts aforesaid,

John Hoge, Thomas Scott, Edward Cook and Ephraim Walter, Esquires, were also appointed and commissioned Justices of the

Courts of Common Pleas in and for the counties of Washington and Fayette.

James Marshall, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and William M'Comb, Coroner, of the county of Washington, and James Hammond, Esquire, Sheriff, and Henry Beeson, Esquire, Coroner, of the county of Fayette.

Upon returns of the general elections for the countys aforesaid, John Hoge and David Redick, Esquires, were accepted as sureties for Mr. Marshall, and Ephraim Douglas and John Huston, for Mr. Hammond.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Dolby, for six pounds, in full for ringing the bells upon proclamation of the President and Vice President.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 22d, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie.	
James McLene,		

Mr. Evans, Mr. Finley, and Mr. Brackenridge, a committee from the General Assembly, attending, were introduced, and a conference had upon the subject of the proposed reservation of a tract of country bounding upon Lake Erie, within the limits of this Commonwealth.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Commissioners for laying out a road from Miller's Spring to Fort Pitt, for one hundred and fourteen pounds fourteen shillings, being the ballance due upon their account for their services and expences in laying out the said road, agreeably to act of Assembly dated 21st of September, 1785.

The proposals of John Skinner, of the county of Franklin, "for making a good and sufficient road between the east side of Clark's Gap to the place commonly known by the name of the Burnt Cabbins, (being a part of the State highway provided by act of Assembly of the twenty-first of September, 1785,) for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred pounds in gold or silver, or other money current with the merchants of this Commonwealth, &ca., &ca.," were read and accepted, and an order taken that Matthew Henderson and John Rennets, Esquires, of the town of Shippensburgh and county of Cumberland, be appointed and autho-

rized to execute the contract on the part of the State, with the said Skinner, agreeably to proposals aforesaid.

Ordered, also, That Robert Peoples, William Rippey, Francis Campbell, Daniel Duncan and William Barr, of the county of Cumberland, who have offered themselves as sureties for John Skinner, in fulfilling the above mentioned contract, be accepted as such.

The petition of Ephraim Douglass, Esquire, stating "that he had been appointed (by the approbation of Council,) a Deputy Surveyor of part of district No. 3, in the depreciation lands; that by a second resolution of the Board he was superceded by another person, who, finding the business executed, declined acting under his appointment," and therefore, praying "the Council will enable him to make return of his surveys in the district aforesaid," was read, and order taken that the Surveyor General be directed to receive the petitioner's returns of survey.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 23rd, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, James McLene, John Baird,	Adam Redick, John Smilie, and Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following certificates for horses furnished for public use, were read and approved, and orders drawn upon the Treasurer for the sums due for principal and interest upon each, payable in State money, according to resolution of Assembly of 8th of April, 1782.

In favor of John Bush, for forty-eight pounds two shillings and six pence.

In favor of John Vanken, for twenty-four pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence.

In favor of Pelatiah Price, for forty-three pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence.

In favor of Michael Slye, for forty-nine pounds nine shillings and nine pence.

In favor of Daniel Depui, for twelve pounds seven shillings and two pence.

In favor of Daniel Depui, for thirty-one pounds twelve shillings and five pence.

In favor of George Charles, for twenty-seven pounds ten shillings.

In favor of Phineas Pierce, for forty-one pounds five shillings.

In favor of Daniel Hillman, for fifty-five pounds.

In favor of Abraham Van Courtwright, for forty-six pounds fourteen shillings and eight pence; and in favor of John Pierce, for twenty pounds twelve shillings and six pence.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Skinner, for two hundred pounds, a part of six hundred pounds payable to him upon the execution of his contract of yesterday with the Commonwealth, according to act of Assembly of 21st of September, 1785.

John Worth, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of the township of Fallowfield, in the county of Washington, upon a return made according to law. Mr. Worth was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Common Pleas for the said county.

The petition of Edward Milne, of this city, praying a further indulgence in point of time, for discharging a ballance due by him to the State, upon an acco't subsisting between them, was read, and an order taken that the farther term of six months from this day be given him for the payment of the said ballance.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 24th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Adam Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie, and	
James McLene,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Baird,		

A letter from the Board of Treasury of the 16th of November, with its enclosures, were read and transmitted to the House.

The fines and imprisonment imposed upon John Talbott, upon conviction of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, were remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 25th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
James McLene,	John Smilie,	
Adam Redick,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Bayard, Esquire, for seventy-six pounds seventeen shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress from October 9th until November 10th, inclusively, and his mileage.

A deed was examined and signed by the Vice President, for one hundred and eighty-two acres and sixty-two perches of land, situate in Allen township, in the county of Northampton, late the estate of Andrew Allen, and forfeited to this Commonwealth by his attainder of high treason: Consideration money eight hundred and thirty-two pounds nineteen shillings. Deed dated the twentieth day of October, 1786.

An order was taken, upon motion, that as Dorsey Penticoast, Esquire, late Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and President of that Court, for the county of Washington, has removed from the county aforesaid, and is now settled in a neighbouring State, that he be suspended in the offices aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 27th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	} Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
James McLene,	John Smilie,	
David Redick,		

Christian Weber, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Lower Salford township, in the county of Montgomery, upon a return made according to law. Mr. Weber was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

On a representation of Catharine Wilson, of the county of Philadelphia, "that a certain John Burdine had stolen from her a horse, saddle and bridle, &c., and that he had then fled to New York, and was now confined in the jail of that city,"

Ordered, That demand be made of the said Burdine, from the Executive of the State of New York, agreeably to the fourth article of the Confederation.

The fine due by Elizabeth M'Kean to the Commonwealth, upon her being convicted of larceny, was this day remitted.

Ordered, That the drawing of the third class of the State Lottery, shall commence on the third Monday in January next.

The two following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt: In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for fifteen pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

And in favor of John Thompson, for one pound six shillings, for a pair of andirons, purchased by the Doorkeeper, for the use of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 28th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird, and	
James M'Lene,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Smilie,		

William Perry, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and John Gibson, Coroner, for the county of Westmoreland, upon a return of the general election in said county, received and read on the 2nd instant.

Colonel James Perry and Mr. Andrew Elsworth, of Westmoreland county, were accepted as sureties for Mr. Perry, the Sheriff.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 29th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird, and	
James M'Lene,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Smilie,		

An order was drawn in favor of William Irvine, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-one pounds, being a ballance reported by the Comp-

troller to be due to him as Agent for exploring the tract of donation lands.

His Excellency Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, took the oaths required by the Constitution, as a qualification for the exercise of his office of President.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 30th, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANLIN, Esq'r, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
James McLene,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Smilie,	John Whitehill,	

A letter from Richard McCallister, Esquire, resigning his office of Councillor for the county of York, was read, and an order taken that his resignation be accepted.

The resignation of James Duncan, late Collector of Excise for the county of Cumberland, was also accepted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds three shillings, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council until this day, inclusively, and cash paid for sweeping two chimnies.

Council being informed that the witnesses examined by James Martin and others, against the election of Bedford county, as returned to the Board, were now in waiting, an order was taken that they be admitted, and their evidence heard.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 1st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	David Redick,	
John Whitehill,	John Baird, and	
James McLene,	John Smilie,	

A farther hearing was this day given the witnesses on the Bedford election.

On motion,

Ordered, That the ticketts contained in the box of the 2d election district of Bedford county, be admitted into the return of the general election for the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 2d, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie, and	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
James McLene,		

The petition of Joseph Thomas, purchaser of a confiscated estate in the county of Bucks, stating that an ejectment has been brought by the former owner, and praying Council to take measures for defending the title which the Commonwealth has made to him, was read, and an order taken that the prayer of the said petition be granted. The Attorney General and Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esquire, were accordingly appointed as Council on the part of this State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 4th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Whitehill,	John Baird,	
David Redick,		

Mr. Hill attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 5th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	
James McLene,	Peter Muhlenberg, &	
David Redick,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Baird,		

The resignation of Edward Shippen, Esquire, of his offices of President of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the city and county of Philadelphia, and a Justice of the Peace for the said city and county, (read the 20th inst.,) was accepted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James M'Lene, Esquire, for forty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Griffith Evans, for three pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance on the lottery for distribution of the donation lands, vizt—keeping the register of the drawers, delivering out the patents, preparing the reports of the committee, &ca, for October, 1786, according to the Comptroller General's reports.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 6th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	
James McLene,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
David Redick,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Baird,		

The fines and forfeitures to the State incurred by Joseph Johnston, for neglecting to enter a hogshead of rum in the office of the Collector of Excise in the county of Philadelphia, were remitted, upon the petition of said Johnston, and affidavit made, that it was not his intention to defraud the State of its dues.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 7th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
John Whitehill,	John Baird,	
James McLene,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie,	
William Brown,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James M'Lene, Esquire, for forty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the day of December, 1786.

A return of an election of Justices of the Peace for the district of Guilford, in the county of Franklin, with a remonstrance against the said election, by a number of the inhabitants of the said district, was read, and an order taken that James Maxwell, Richard Bard and George Matthews, Esquires, living near the said district, be authorized to investigate the facts stated in the remonstrance aforesaid, upon the oaths or affirmations of Colonel Thomas Johnston, Matthew Wilson, Esquires, James Lindsays, Jacob Cook, Henry Coile, and such other witnesses as may be adduced, and make report to this Board, in manner and form prescribed by an

act of Assembly intituled "An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State," &ca., &ca.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 8th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick,	
John Whitehill,	William Brown, and	
James McLene,	Jonathan Hoge,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirtieth day of November, 1786, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 9th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Smilie,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Baird,		

On motion,

Ordered, That the opinion of the Chief Justice, and such other Justices of the Supreme Court as are now in town, be taken upon the following question:

Can Council agreeably to law, admit into the return of any General Election such votes as may have been laid aside and destroyed by the Judges of said election, from the circumstance of the non-conformity to that directory part of the election law which enjoins that "on one piece of paper be written the names of the Councillor and Assemblymen, and on another those of the Sheriffs and Coroners, &ca?"

The report of William Clinghan, John Culbertson, and Isaac Taylor, Esquires, Justices appinted to hear the evidence respecting the election of Justices of Peace in the district of the townships of Kennet, East and West Marlborough, commonly called Doe Run district, in the county of Chester, was read and considered, and there appearing sufficient reasons to set aside the said election, it was accordingly set aside and made void.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 11th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
David Redick,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Baird,		

The fine imposed upon John Rock, upon conviction of larceny, in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The petition of Peter Dowsett was read and granted.

William Beatty, Esquire, was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the district of Rye, and county of Cumberland, upon a return made agreeably to law. He was also appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

The fine imposed upon Charles Reed, a prisoner in the jail of this city, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 12th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
John Whitehill,	John Smilie,	
John Baird,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Henry Hill,	

Matthias Hutchinson, Esquire, was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the district of Upper Makefield and Solebury, and county of Bucks upon a return made according to law. He was also

appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

Upon motion,

Ordered, That the commission of Collector of Excise for the counties of Fayette, Westmoreland, and Washington, held by John Craig, be revoked, and that Joseph Douglass be appointed Collector of Excise for the county of Fayette, and John Dodd for that of Washington.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 13, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
John Whitehill,	John Smilie,	
John Baird,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Henry Hill,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 14, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Whitehill,	
John Smilie,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain James McClean, for ten pounds seven shillings, in full for his subsistence due to him for the months of October, November, and December, 1786, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Council resumed the consideration of the Bedford county election; and thereupon,

Ordered, That in addition to the evidence already adduced, Mr. Woods be permitted to bring forward such other witnesses as he may name, for examination on the subject of the said election.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 15th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Whitehill,	
John Smilie,		

The following motion on the subject of the Bedford county election, was made, and upon debate, postponed, vizt: That in determining on the Bedford election for Councellor, no greater number of ticketts be admitted than the tally lists shall warrant, provided, only, that any elector or electors shall establish by oath that they voted at said election, and that their names were omitted in the list aforesaid,

Subpœnas were issued for the attendance of the following persons, being named as witnesses by Mr. Woods, agreeably to the minute of yesterday, vizt: Samuel Davidson, Esquire, Peter Wink, and William Alexander.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 16, 1786.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Whitehill,	
John Smilie,		

On motion,

Ordered, That a subpœna be made and committed to Mr. Woods, with a blank for the insertion of the names of such and other witnesses, besides those mentioned in the preceding minute, as he may deem necessary.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Smith, a committee of the House, attending in Council, a conference was held on the subject of the most efficient means for the collecting the arrearages of taxes, &ca., &ca.

The Comptroller's report of the account of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, as Judge of the Admiralty, and Judge of

the High Court of Errors and Appeals, was read and approved, and an order drawn in favor of Mr. Hopkinson, for two hundred and twenty-five pounds six shillings.

The fine imposed on David Welsh, upon conviction of an assault and battery in the county of Cumberland, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 18th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Peter Muhlenberg,	John Baird	Esq'rs.
Jonathan Hoge,	Henry Hill,	
William Brown,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	Samuel Dean,	
John Whitehill,		

11 o'clock to-morrow, was assigned for hearing such of the Commissioners for negotiating an improved Navigation, as may be in town.

Mr. Pickering, Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds for the county of Luzerne, attended in Council, and took the necessary oaths of qulification.

A letter from the Treasurer was read, and transmitted to the House.

On a representation of Sharp Delaney, Esquire,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be instructed to take such steps for the legal recovery of monies arising from the impost laws, and due to the Commonwealth, as he may think best calculated to promote the intentions of the Legislature, and the interest of the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, December 19th, 1776.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Peter Muhlenberg,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	Henry Hill,	
William Brown,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	Samuel Dean,	
John Whitehill,		

Thursday was assigned for going into the consideration of the several claims to city lots under old rights.

Messieurs George Clymer, Daniel Clymer, Wynkoop, Smith, and Hubley, a Committee from the General Assembly, attended in Council, and a conference was had upon the subject of the allowance of pay to be given to Colonel Francis Mentges, for his services as Inspector of the militia.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Tench Coxe, Esquire, for fourteen pounds twelve shillings and sixpence, in full for his pay as a Commissioner at the Commercial Convention at Annapolis.

An order was drawn in favor of William Rees, for forty-four pounds five shillings and eight pence, for improving the State House lot, according to the Comptroller General's report of the 11th inst.

The Commissioners for negociating an improved Inland Navigation, attended, agreeably to the order of yesterday.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain James McLean, for twenty-six pounds five shillings, in full of his account for house rent, according to the Comptroller General's report of this day.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, December 20th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Peter Muhlenberg,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	Henry Hill,	
William Brown,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	Samuel Dean,	
John Whitehill,		

The petition of John Bond and son, praying a remission of a forfeiture due to the State, upon a seizure made by the Collector of Excise, was read and rejected.

The consideration of the petition of Jonathan Robinson, praying the reversal of his attainder, was postponed till Friday next.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, in full for one quarter's salary as Judge of the Supreme Court, ending the 18th inst., according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 21st, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Whitehill,	Evan Evans,	
John Baird,	William Brown, and	
David Redick,	Jonathan Hoge,	

The petitions of Richard Peters, Esquire, and Mr. Charles Hurst, exhibitory of their respective claims to city lots under old rights, were read and referred to the Attorney General for his opinion of their validity.

The petition of Thomas Rogan, stating "that a certain James Bennet having been indicted for forgery, has absconded, and his bail thereby became liable to pay to the Commonwealth the sums they are severally bound in; and praying leave to prosecute the said bail in the name of the Commonwealth, and that he may retain out of the monies that may be recovered from them, the sum of thirty-two pounds, being by estimation the loss which he has sustained by the fraudulent conduct of the said James Bennet," was read, and the prayer thereof granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 22d, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Evan Evans,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Smilie,	William Brown, and	
David Redick,	Jonathan Hoge,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Baird, Esquire, for twenty-six pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, in favor of Jonathan Robeson, an attainted traitor, was read, and a question taken whether a reprieve shall issue to the said Robeson, until the end of the next Sessions of the General Assembly. This question was determined in the affirmative.

The fine imposed upon Robert Johnson, upon conviction of fornication and bastardy, in the county of Chester, was remitted, upon his petition and a recommendation from the Court.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 23d December, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
William Brown,	Evan Evans,	
David Redick,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for the sum of nineteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 26th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
Evan Evans,	John Smilie, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	
William Brown,		

Mr. Hill, Mr. Redick, and Mr. Baird, were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of Samuel Miles, Esquire, late Colonel of a Rifle Battalion, together with the vouchers, and Comptroller General's report, accompanying the same, and report thereon to Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 27th, 1786.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 28th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Whitehill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
William Brown,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Chief Justice of the State, ending the 25th instant, according to the Comptroller General's report:

And in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarters' salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the 25th instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The fine imposed upon John Gilmore, upon conviction of keeping a tipling house in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted upon his petition and the recommendation of the Court.

An order was taken that the sale of Daniel Leet's district of depreciation lands, shall commence on the first Monday in March next, at the old Coffee House in this city.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 29th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Brown, and	
John Smilie,	Evan Evans,	

The fine due to the State and corporal punishment imposed upon John Butler, upon conviction of larceny, in the county of Northampton, were remitted in consideration of his youth.

The Secretary was directed to purchase for the use of Council, one copy of the latest edition of the Bible in quarto, and the second volume of transactions of the American Philosophical Society.

Upon the petition of James Collins, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, an order was taken that the Attorney General be directed to stay all proceedings against the petitioner, for the recovery of a debt due to the State by him and his late partner, Thomas Truxton, until the end of six months from this date.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 30th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Brown, and	
John Smilie,	Evan Evans,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirty-first of this month, inclusively.

In favor of John Buchanan, for forty-six pounds two shillings, in full of his account for surveying fees of fourteen tracts of land for Dickinson College, and for sundry expences attending the said surveying, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Matthew Carey, & Co., for thirteen pounds seven shillings and six pence, for the Pennsylvania Herald, furnished to Council for six months, and for inserting advertisements.

In favor of Griffith Evans, for forty-five pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, and in favor of James Trimble, for forty-eight pounds fifteen shillings, in full of their accounts, filling up and compleating seven hundred and fifty-seven patents for donation lands, arranging the returns of survey, and recording the names and ranks upon the general draught.

The returns of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners for the county of Bedford, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Benjamin Elliott, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff, and Samuel Davidson, Coroner, of the said county of Bedford, and they were commissioned accordingly.

Samuel Davidson and John Cannon, Esquires, were accepted as sureties for Mr. Elliott.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Jan'y 1st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Evan Evans,	Esq'rs.
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	
John Smilie,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
David Redick,	Robert Trail,	
John Baird,		

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, for twenty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

In favor of Samuel Evans, Esquire, for two hundred and twenty-four pounds seven shillings and six pence, amount of pay due to Captain John Bryan's company of Chester County militia, for militia services in the year 1781, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the militia fines of said county.

Mr. Redick attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

Upon the petition of John Lindsey, convicted of larceny in the county of Franklin, and a recommendation from the Court,

An order was taken that his corporal punishment be remitted.

The Doorkeeper was directed to take fourteen copies of Dunlap's Pennsylvania Packet, on each day of publication, for the use of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 2nd, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Evan Evans,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
David Redick,	Robert Trail, and	
John Baird,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
William Brown,		

Upon the petition of William Henderson, John Craig, and Michael Graham, appointed to collect the public taxes of the years

1782 and 1783, in West Nantmell township, in the county of Chester, praying to be indulged in the collecting the aforesaid taxes until the first of April next, and that all proceedings against them may be stayed until that period,

An order was taken that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for sixteen pounds ten shillings and five pence, in full of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper until the 31 December, 1786, inclusively, and cash for sweeping two chimneys, repairing a stove, &ca.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Nicholas Tetrick, for sixty-two pounds two shillings, State money, in full of his certificate for one black horse furnished for public service, according to the Comptroller General's report and resolution of Assembly of the 8th of April, 1782.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 3, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Evan Evans,	
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Baird,	Robert Trail,	
John Smilie,		

A certificate from Edward Shippen, Esquire, President of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Philadelphia, certifying that Clement Stocker and James Potts have entered into a recognizance for prosecuting with effect an appeal to the Supreme Court, for the award of the Comptroller General against the Executors of Thomas Wharton, Esquire, and Anthony Stocker, was read, and on consideration, the said appeal was allowed.

Ordered, That the Comptroller General be requested to furnish Council with a copy of the accounts of the Commonwealth against the said executors, in order to be transmitted to the Supreme Court.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Lieutenant Thomas Campbell, for two hundred and seventy two pounds seven shillings and six pence, amount of pay due to Captain David Hayes' company of Chester militia, for militia services in the year 1781, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the militia fines of the said county.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Bethlehem district, in Northampton county, stating that Thomas Hartman, Esquire, ap-

pointed a Justice of the Peace for the said district, hath removed therefrom, and praying the opinion of Council, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council are of opinion that the district of Bethlehem is now vacant; that the freeholders residing therein are at liberty to proceed to another election of Justices of the Peace.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 4th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
John Whitehill,	Evan Evans,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Baird,	Robert Trail, and	
William Brown,	William McClay,	

The fines imposed upon Edward Murphey and Lewis Humphreys, alias Lewis Sample, now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, was remitted.

Council resumed the consideration of the claim of Captain James O'Hara, for depreciation of his pay as Commissary in the general hospital, and on motion,

Ordered, That the opinion of the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court, be taken thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 5th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,	Robert Trail,	
David Redick,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Baird,	William Maclay,	

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved:

Of John De France, of, Northumberland county, for money due to the Commonwealth, forfeited by Alexander Bartram's attainder of high treason, due upon a note.

Of John McGuire, for do. upon a book debt.

Of Thomas Sturgeon, for do. due upon a bond.

Of Charles Gillespy & William McKim, due upon do.

Of James Stringer, for do. due upon a book debt.

Of Matthew Hollenback, for sundries furnished one of the men on the northern line of the State, wounded by the fall of a tree.

And an order was drawn in favor of the said Hollenback, for nine pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, due upon the same.

Of the Reverend David Jones, for additional commutation of pay.

Jacob Horner, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Lowhill and Heidleberg, in the county of Northampton, upon a return made according to law. Mr. Horner was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

The fine imposed upon James Simpson, upon conviction of larceny, in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted upon his entering sufficient security that he will depart the State forthwith, and not return.

Mr. Bartholomew, Collector of Excise for the city and county of Philadelphia, was directed to attend Council at 11 o'clock tomorrow, upon the delivery of the late seizure of three hogsheads of rum, the property of John Bond and Son. Messrs. Rush and Craig, Justices of the Peace, were also directed to attend at the same time.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	William M'Clay,	
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Robert Trail, and	
John Baird,	David Redick, and	
William Brown,	John Whitehill,	

Upon the petition of Mary Bennet, wife of James Bennet, lately indicted for forgery, and since absconded,

Ordered, That James Drummond and John Henderson, be discharged from the payment of the penalty mentioned in their recog-

nizance, for the said Bennet's appearance to answer to the indictment aforesaid, upon their paying the costs of prosecution.

The Collector of Excise for this city, and Messieurs Rush and Craig, attended and communicated to Council some farther information relative to the seizure of rum by the Collector of Excise, from John Bond & Son.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 8th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Robert Trail,	
John Baird,	John Whitehill, and	
William Brown,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

On motion,

Ordered, That the resolution of Council of the 20th of last month, upon the petition of John Bond and Son, be reconsidered, and that the Secretary desire their attendance at the Council Chamber, to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esquire, late Paymaster of the Naval and Land Forces of Pennsylvania, late Treasurer of the Council of Safety, and late one of the Board of Auditors of Accounts, and Treasurer of the said Board.

And of Thomas Vowell, for five watch coats for the guard of Invalids; and an order was drawn in favor of the latter for six pounds five shillings, in full of the said account.

A certificate in favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, certifying that William Scott, late Paymaster of York county militia, hath entered into a recognizance to prosecute with effect an appeal to the Supreme Court from the settlement of his accounts by the Comptroller General, was read, and the said appeal allowed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 9th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Evan Evans,	William Maclay,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
William Brown,	John Smilie, and	
Robert Trail,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

Upon farther information received from Messieurs Craig & Rush (Justices) in the case of John Bond and Son, Council proceeded to reconsider the minute of the 20th of last month upon the petition of said Bonds, respecting the late seizure of rum by the Collector of Excise in this city, and it appearing to Council that there was no intention of defrauding the State; therefore,

Resolved, That the order of this Board of the 20th of last month be rescinded, that the Collector of Excise be directed to restore to the petitioners one moiety of the rum seized as aforesaid, and that the fine due from them to the Commonwealth be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Robert Trail,	William Brown, and	
William Maclay,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

The fine due to the Commonwealth from Henry Isaac Fredeher, Alias Jacob Walter, upon conviction of forgery in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted.

An order was taken that the lot of land on State Island, containing thirteen acres and one hundred and six perches, bounded by Eagle creek, and lots sold to William Turnbull and George Henry,

which now remains the property of the Commonwealth, be sold by public auction, at the old Coffee House, on Wednesday the 7th of February next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 11th January, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Evan Evans,	David Redick,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Robert Trail,	William Brown, and	
William Maclay,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, for one hundred and forty-five pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence, for his pay as Attorney General, from the first of June, 1786, until the 1st January, 1787.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 12 January, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Robert Trail,	William Brown, and	
William Maclay,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Maclay, Esquire, for sixty pounds four shillings and two pence, for his fees and expences attending the surveying sixteen tracts of land for Dickinson Colledge, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the Honorable William Brown, Esquire, for thirty pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

Upon a letter received from Colonel Thomas Hartley, containing intelligence of some late disturbances in York county,

Ordered, That the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court, be requested to meet Council at their Chamber to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, to confer with them on the subject of the said letter.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Robert Trail,	William Maclay, and	
John Smilie,	David Redick,	

The Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General, attending, were introduced to Council, and a conference was held upon the subject of the opposition lately made to the collection of public taxes in York county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 15th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Robert Trail,	William McClay, and	
John Smilie,	David Redick,	

The Receiver General of the Land Office laid before Council a list of purchasers of lands within the depreciation districts who have not complied with the terms of sale respecting some directions from Council thereon.

Ordered, That the said lists of delinquents be transmitted to the Attorney General, who was directed to take such measures as the law will authorize for recovery of the several sums of money due to the Commonwealth by the persons named therein.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 16th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
Robert Trail,	John Baird,	
William Maclay,	David Redick, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

The fine imposed on Juan Fernandez and Manuel Guile, two Spanish sailors, now confined in jail of this city upon conviction, respectively, of an assault and battery, were remitted.

Council upon considering the subject of the several letters before them, respecting the late disturbances in York county, were of opinion that the persons bound to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions should enter into recognizance to appear at the next Supreme Court to be held at York county, and the Attorney General was instructed accordingly.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General, ending the 13th instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
Evan Evans,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Smilie,	William Maclay, and	
John Baird,	Robert Trail,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Evan Evans, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of the Commonwealth against John Duffield, for a debt due upon a bond to Michael Connor, who was attainted of high treason, was read and approved.

Joseph Gengerick, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of the county of Warwick, in the county of Lancaster, upon a return made according to law. Mr. Gingerick was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Lancaster aforesaid.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Robert Aitken, for one hundred and sixty pounds one shilling and three pence, in full for printing public accounts, according to the Comptroller General's report of the 16th instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 18th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Evan Evans,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
John Smilie,	William Maclay, and	
John Baird,	Robert Trail,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for nineteen pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

The fine of John Poorham, alias Casper Kerkler, confined in jail of this city, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 19th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	David Redick,	
John Whitehill,	William Maclay,	
John Baird,	Henry Hill, and	
William Brown,	Robert Trail,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

A return of the election for a Councellor for the county of York, was read, and Andrew Bellmeyer was admitted to his seat at this Board, agreeably to the return aforesaid, he having taken the oaths prescribed by the Constitution of the State.

On motion,

Ordered, That a commission of the Pleas be made out for Isaac Howell, Esquire.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 20th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Andrew Bellmeyer,	William McClay, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Robert Trail,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Hon'ble David Redick, Esq'r, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for attendance in Council from December 21, 1786, until Jan'y the 20th, 1787.

In favor of John Offner, for fifteen pounds, in full of his services and expences in bringing Robert Elliott, a criminal, from Lancaster jail to the jail of this city and county.

In favor of Thomas Bradford, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, for newspapers furnished to Council until the 31st of December, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's reports.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 22d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Robert Trail,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
William Maclay,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
David Redick,	Andrew Bellmeyer,	
William Brown,		

Two deeds were examined and signed to Robert Morris, Esquire, for a three story brick messuage and other buildings, and two lotts of ground, one of them containing in breadth sixty feet on the south side of Market street, and in length one hundred and eighty feet on the east side of Sixth street from Delaware river to Minor street; and the other of them containing in breadth eighty-six feet on the east side of said Sixth street, and in length or depth sixty feet on the south side of Minor street aforesaid, the whole subject to the payment of a yearly ground rent of forty-four Spanish milled dollars, to the heirs and assigns of Israel Pemberton, deceased.

Consideration for the former fourteen thousand one hundred pounds, and for the latter two thousand seven hundred and twenty-five pounds. Deeds dated the 20th instant.

The fine imposed upon James Anslow, now confined in the jail of this city under a conviction of larceny, was remitted.

A draft of city lots, numbered from 2145 to 2162, inclusively, situate between Arch and Race streets, and Seventh and Eighth streets from Delaware, and Market and Chesnut, Second and Third streets from Schuylkill, was laid before Council; upon which it was

Ordered, That the Receiver General be directed to advertize a sale of the said lots, to be held at the old Coffee House in this city, on Wednesday the fourteenth day of February next.

The Council met

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 23d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William McClay,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Whitehill,	Robert Trail,	
David Redick,	John Smilie, and	
John Baird,	Andrew Bellmeyer,	
William Brown,		

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of John Mease, Esquire, for duties on sales at auction from the 1st of June, 1785, until the 1st of September, 1786.

Of Arthur St. Clair, for duties on sales at auction from the 21st of February, 1784, until the 9th of April, 1785, and from the 9th of April, 1785, until the 12th of October, 1786.

Of William Scott, Esquire, Lieutenant of York county, from November, 1784, to September, 1786.

Of Richard McCallister, Esquire, late Lieutenant of York county, in whose favor an order was drawn upon the Treasurer for one hundred and sixty-three pounds six shillings and two pence, being the ballance due to him upon the same.

Of William Alexander, Paymaster of the militia of York county, from the time of his appointment until the present.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the last day of December, 1786, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 24th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Andrew Bellmeyer,	Esq'rs.
Evan Evans,	William Maclay,	
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	Robert Trail,	
John Baird,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
William Brown,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
David Redick,		

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, Vice President, to Lawrence Keen, Esquire, for a

tract of land, situate in Buffalo township, in the county of Northumberland, containing two hundred and seventy-five acres and thirty-eight perches, late the estate of Thomas Mackeness, and forfeited to the use of the Commonwealth by his attainder of high treason. Consideration two hundred and sixty-seven pound in depreciation certificates. Deed dated the 22d instant.

A draft of an advertisement of the sale of sundry tracts of land, late of Alexander Bartram, John Meredith and Isaac Taylor, attainted of high treason, to be held at Norristown, in the county of Montgomery, on the 28th of March next, was read, and the sale allowed.

Ordered, That Colonel George Smith be appointed an Agent to superintend the said sale, and report to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 25th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Andrew Bellmeyer,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	William Maclay,	
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	Robert Trail,	
John Baird,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
William Brown,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
David Redick,		

Council taking into consideration the report of the Comptroller General on the accounts of Arthur St. Clair and John Mease, Vendue Masters,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to take up the said accounts, &c., &c., and as soon as possible, report to this Board some general principles of proceedings against all such officers of revenue as shall be delinquents in paying into the Treasury such public monies as come into their hands.

Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Maclay and Mr. Smilie, were appointed a committee under the preceding resolution.

A letter from Tench Francis, Esquire, requesting the delivery of a number of counterparts of patents for lands within the Manor of Springetsbury, granted by the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, now in the keeping of the Secretary of the Land Office, was laid before Council; and, on consideration, an order was taken, that the Secretary of the Land office be authorized and instructed to deliver to John Penn and John Penn, junior, or their attorney, the counterparts of all such patents for lots within the Manor of Springetsbury, as upon examination shall appear to be entered in the Roll's office, taking their receipt for the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 26th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Beard,	
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
Robert Trail,	Andrew Bellmeyer,	
William Maclay,		

Runnel Blair, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Westpennborough, in the county of Cumberland, upon a return made according to law.

Mr. Blair was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Beard,	
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
Robert Trail,	Andrew Bellmeyer,	
William McClay,		

The Committee appointed under the order of Council of the 25th, made report as follows, vizt:

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports of the Comptroller General, that sundry officers of government having public money in their hands, have neglected to pay the same into the Treasury, within the time limitted by law, altho' often called on for that purpose:

Resolved, therefore, unanimously, That every such officer holding his appointment from Council, who shall neglect to discharge the sums due by him to the Treasury, within the space of days after this date, shall be forthwith displaced and discharged from his said office.

And whereas, The neglect of revenue officers in delaying the payment of publick money into the Treasury, agreeable to law, is productive of manyfold embarrassments to Government:

Resolved, therefore, unanimously, That every public officer holding his appintment from Council, who shall neglect to settle his account and render any public money in his hands into the Treasury within the space of days over and above the time limitted by law, shall be forthwith displaced and discharged from his said office.

On motion,

Ordered, That the preceding report be laid on the table for farther consideration.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of Captains Conrad Kerr and Joseph Bright, for militia services in the eighth Battalion of militia of Lancaster county, in the years 1777, 1778, and 1779, were read and approved, and orders drawn for the sums due upon the same, being seven pounds fourteen shillings and five pence to each.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, for one hundred and fourteen pounds two shillings and five pence, being due to Messieurs William Smith, James Bayard, Francis Wade, John Taylor, James Collins, John Rhea, George Lattimore, Edward Fox, Joseph Redman, Stacy Hepburn, Samuel Murdock, William Turnbull, Andrew Pettit, and John Duffield, for signing Bills of Credit of this State, of the last emission, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 29th, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Baird,	
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
Andrew Billmeyer,	Robert Trail,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 30th, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Baird,	
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
Andrew Billmeyer,	Robert Trail,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 31, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Baird,	
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
Andrew Billmeyer,	Robert Trail,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 1st, 1787.

PRESENT:

At the President's house.

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
Robert Trail,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
William MaClay,	John Smilie,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Armstrong, Junior, Esquire, for forty-two pounds in part of his salary as Secretary to Council, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the last day of January, inclusively.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for sixteen pounds four shillings and nine pence, in full for his wages as Door Keeper for the month of January, 1787, and cash paid for carrying in wood for the use of Council, &ca.

The consideration of the late election for the county of Bedford, was this day resumed agreeable to order, and two additional witnesses heard, Jacob Wink and William Alexander.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 2d, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	John Smilie, and	
Robert Trail,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 3d, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	John Smilie, and	
Robert Trail,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 5, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie, and	
Robert Trail,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie, and	
Robert Trail,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 7, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie, and	
Robert Trail,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Febru'y 8, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	
Robert Trail,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

A letter from Governor Caswell, enclosing an act of the Legislature of North Carolina, for appointing delegates to the Convention proposed to be held in this city, in May next, was read.

A letter from Governor Randolph of Virginia, enclosing the memorial of C S , Esquire, was read.

The petition of Jacob Drier, a prisoner under sentence of death, was read and postponed for further consideration.

A letter from Matthew Clarkson, Esquire, (stating that the drawing of the State lottery has been postponed under the absence of one of the managers, and the illness of the other, and praying the instructions of the Board under these circumstances,) was read, and order taken that Mr. Peter Baynton, be appointed a manager of the said lottery during the indisposition of Mr. Fuller.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Irvine, Esquire, for one hundred and thirty two pounds fifteen shillings, in full for fifty-nine days attendance in Congress, from the 4th of December, 1786, until the 1st of February, 1787, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Robert Trail, Esquire, for thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, February 9th, 1787, (Friday.)

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,	John Baird,	
Robert Trail,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
William, Maclay,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Andrew Billmeyer,		

Alexander Todd, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for Dock Ward, in the city of Philadelphia, upon a return made according to law. Mr. Todd was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Philadelphia.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Clement Biddle, Esquire, for seventy-five pounds two shillings and five pence, in full of his account for rations furnished to the corps of Invalids, until the last day of January, 1787, inclusively, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, for seven pounds, for the travelling expences of the Honorable Judge Attlee, in coming to and returning from the Court of Oyer and Terminer, commencing at Philadelphia the 26th of December, 1786.

In favor of the said Edward Burd, for twenty-two pounds and nine pence, for the travelling expences of the Judges of the Supreme Court on their eastern circuit last fall.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of James Marshall, Esquire, Lieutenant of Washington county, from November, 1784, until November, 1786, was read and approved.

The farther consideration of the late election for the county of Bedford, was postponed until Monday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	
Robert Trail,	John Baird, and	
William Maclay,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Andrew Billmeyer,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 12, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick, and	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	
William Brown,		

Mr. Baird attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

To morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for resuming the consideration of the Bedford County election.

A warrant under the Seal of the State was issued for removing Philip Huffnagle from his present confinement in the jail of Montgomery county, to that of this city and county.

On petition of Benjamin Davis,

Ordered, That the sale of a city lot, lately advertised as the property of the Commonwealth, be suspended until the claims of the petitioner to the said lot be investigated.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty two pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance as Counsellor until the last day of January, 1787:

And in favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for thirty-one pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the 25th day of January, until the twelfth day of February, 1787, inclusively.

In favor of Colonel James Marshall, for three hundred and seventy-eight pounds ten shillings and nine pence, in part of the ballance due upon his account as Lieutenant of the county of Washington, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the fund arising from militia fines.

A return of the General Election for the county of Luzerne, held the 1st instant, was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt: Nathan Dennizen, Councellor, and John Franklin, Representative in Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Smilie, and	
William Maclay,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

Council resumed the consideration of the Bedford County Election, and thereupon, a motion was made as follows, vizt:

"That in deciding on the contested election for Councellor in Bedford county:

"*Resolved*, That no more tickets be allowed than the talley papers and Clerk's lists will warrant, except some Elector or Electors declare on oath, that they voted, and their names were omitted in the list:"

The votes being taken on this motion, it was determined in the negative, and the yeas and nays being called, were as follows, vizt:

YEAS:	NAYS:
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr Maclay,	Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Smilie,
Mr. Bellmeyer,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Muhlenberg,	Mr. Baird,
Mr. Redick.	Mr. Brown,
	Mr. J. Hoge.

The further consideration of the said election was postponed until to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 14th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esq'rs.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The fine due to the State, imposed upon Thomas Maddock, upon conviction of fornication and bastardy in Chester county, was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Evan Evans, for twenty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the 15th instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

The further consideration of the Bedford county election was postponed until Tuesday, the 27th of this month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 15th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esq'rs.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Evan Evans,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge	John Smilie, and	
William Maclay,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Whitehill, Esquire, for sixty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 16, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
Jonathan Hoge,	David Redick,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The fine imposed upon Edward Newton, now confined in the jail of this city, was remitted.

Monday next was assigned for going into the case of Jacob Drier, confined in the said jail under sentence of death for burglary.

Samuel Baird, Esquire, was appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Montgomery.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 17, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
Jonathan Hoge,	David Redick, and	
William Maclay,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

A pardon was issued to William Brock, otherwise called William Smith, convicted of burglary, and now under sentence of death, in the jail of this city and county, subject to this condition only: that he transport himself forthwith beyond the seas, not to return to the United States.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Matthew Irwin, Esquire, for inrolling the laws of this State, &c., from February, 1785 to February, 1786, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 19, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
William Maclay,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
William Brown,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
John Baird,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council untill this, inclusively.

The fine imposed upon John Philips, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, for larceny, was remitted.

Council took into consideration the case of Jacob Drier, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, under sentence of death, for burglary, and determined that a warrant for his execution shall not issue.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 20th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Brown,	
William Maclay,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	James McLene,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 21, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	
Jonathan Hoge,	James McLene, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
William Brown,		

The fine and forfeiture to the State incurred by Mary Calverty and Margaret McMullen, for neglecting to enter in the Excise office a barrel of rum purchased by them, were remitted on their petition and a recommendation accompanying it.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Matthew Irwin, Esquire, for two hundred and thirty-six pounds six shillings and eleven pence, amount of his account for enrolling the laws of this Commonwealth passed since February 5th, 1785, recording proclamations of attainder, &ca., according to the Comptroller General's report of the 10th inst.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of John Mease, Esquire, Auctioneer for the district of Southwark, for duties arising from sales at auction, from the fourth of September until the 29th of November, 1786, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February, 22d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	
Jonathan Hoge,	James McLene, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
William Brown,		

Mr. Ross and Mr. Piper, a committee from the General Assembly, attending, were introduced, and informed Council that the House was now formed and ready to receive such business as Council have to lay before them.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, as late Chairman and Treasurer of the

Committee of Inspection and Observation of Lancaster county in the years 1776 & 1777, and for his salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, from August 1777 to December, 1786, were read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 23d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	
William Brown,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Baird,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The following draft of a message to the General Assembly, was read and approved, vizt:

A Message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—During your recess an election has been held for the county of Luzerne. While this event affords a proof of the wisdom of your measures, we must acknowledge that Mr. Pickering, a Commissioner for holding the election, was instrumental in its accomplishment, by exposing the many false and artful representations which had been made by the people opposed to the authority of Government.

We think it our duty again to recommend to your Honorable house the receiving the funded certificates of the State for the arrearages due on lands, located or warranted before the year 1776; it appears to us a measure just, and so reasonable that it will be highly beneficial and give General satisfaction. Many of the citizens who are in arrear have suffered by the calamities of the war, and cannot settle at the Land Office unless their certificates are received in payment. If this indulgence is not granted they will be obliged to give part of their lands to speculators to have it patented, or endeavour to evade payment.

We are convinced it will be of advantage to the State to lower the price of land within the late Indian purchase, only eight warrants have been taken out for lands there these six months past.

Since your recess we have been applied to by Messieurs Bedford and Neville, for payment of the ballances due to them, as their accounts appear to be just and reasonable, we recommend them to the consideration of your Honorable House.

The Secretary will lay before you a letter from the Board of Treasury of the United States, of the 2d inst., inclosing an account of expenditures, under the general head of contingencies, from the first day of January to the 31st of December, 1786, together with a letter from the Secretary of Congress, dated the 2d instant, inclosing the Journals of Congress for the last Federal year, and a petition from Thomas Hutchins, Esquire.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Philadelphia, February 23th, 1787.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 24th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
James McLene,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of Henry Waldgrave Archer, late Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, from the time of his appointment in October, 1784, until the time of his resignation in July, 1786, was read and approved, and an order drawn on the Treasurer in his favor for twenty-four pounds nine shillings, ballance due upon the same, payable out of the militia fines of said county.

The several fines imposed upon Peter Isby, William Pennyman, John Davis, and Archibald Simpson, (now confined in the jail of this city,) and also their imprisonment, were remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Peter Burkholder, Esquire, for thirty-six pounds nineteen shillings and three pence, State money, ballance due upon his account as late Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, according to the Comptroller General's report of the twenty-fifth of September, 1786, to be paid out of the fund appropriated by resolution of Assembly dated 16th of December, 1784.

Upon the petition of Charles Howell, convicted of larceny in Berks county, and a recommendation from the Court, an order was taken that his corporal punishment be remitted.

The Comptroller General having reported "that sundry officers of Government having public money in their hands, have neglected to pay the same into the Treasury within the time specified by law, although often called upon for that purpose;" therefore,

Resolved That every such officer holding his appointment from Council, who shall not forthwith pay into the Treasury such public money as may be due from him to the State, shall be dismissed from his appointment.

Resolved, That every officer holding his appointment from Council, who shall hereafter be delinquent in manner as stated in the preceding abstract from the report of the Comptroller General, shall, upon evidence of such delinquency, be dismissed from his appointment.

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to transmit to this Board a list of the names of such officers of revenue, in the appointment of Council, as are now delinquent, and that he from time to time make report of such as may hereafter be delinquent.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 26th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
James McLene,	John Smilie,	
William Maclay,		

The Commissary of Military Store was directed to furnish to the Commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia, or order, eighteen eight inch shells, to be used in confining the convicts under the late penal law while at hard labour.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
William Maclay,	William Brown,	
James McLene,	John Baird, and	
John Whitehill,	Evan Evans,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Captain Philip Schrawder, for thirty-one pounds ten shillings, State money, balance due upon his recruiting account ac-

cording to the Comptroller General's report of the 14th of October, 1784, to be paid out of the fund appropriated by resolution of the 16th December, 1784.

In favor of the Honorable William Brown, Esquire, for thirty-nine pounds eleven shillings. And in favor of the Honorable William Maclay, Esquire, for forty-nine pounds fifteen shillings, in full for their attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and their mileage.

William Cook and William Wilson, were accepted as sureties for Thomas Grant, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Northumberland.

A letter from the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the 10th of February, 1787, and a resolution of Congress of the 21st of Feb'y, 1787, were read, and an order taken that they be transmitted to the General Assembly.

The consideration of the Bedford county election was this morning resumed, in the course of which it was moved by Mr. Hoge,

"That the said election be set aside on the ground of uncertainty."

It was moved by Mr. McClean, that previously to the putting off this motion, the sense of Council should be taken on the following question, vizt:

"Have Council sufficient evidence to proceed in deciding upon the election under consideration?"

The question was taken and determination had that the first motion be postponed for the purpose of taking up the second. It was determined in the negative. The first was then resumed and determined in the affirmative. The election was of course declared to be void.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 28th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
James McLene,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,		

The following draft of a letter to the Speaker of the General Assembly was read and approved, vizt:

SIR:—I enclose a letter from the Governor of Massachusetts, accompanied by an extract from the proceedings of the General Court of that Commonwealth.

I have also to communicate the opinion of Council that a reward of one hundred pounds for Daniel Shays, and fifty pounds for each of the other principals mentioned in Governor Bowdoin's proclamation, additional to the rewards we are requested to offer on the credit of Massachusetts, be offered by this Commonwealth, if apprehended within the limits thereof.

We should be happy if this opinion meet the approbation of the House.

I am, sir, with great regard,

Your Obedient Humble Servant,

CHARLES BIDDLE.

Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds, in full for attendance in Council until this day, included.

The several fines imposed upon John Watson, John Kennedy, John Folks and Patrick Murray, now confined in the jail of York county for larceny, were remitted.

Robert McKnight, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for Walnut ward, in the city of Philadelphia, upon a return made according to law.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Christian Wirtz, for one hundred and eleven pounds ten shillings and four pence, to be paid out of the money arising from the late duty upon Negroes, the said sum being a ballance due upon a former order of Council for monies due to Captain Robinson, remaining unpaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 1st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Whitehill,	John Smilie,	
John Baird,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Snider, for eighteen pounds five shillings and two pence, in full for his attendance as Doorkeeper to Council for the month of February, 1787, and cash paid for fire-wood for Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 2d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
John Whitehill,	John Smilie,	
John Baird,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Rees, for seventeen pounds two shillings and five pence, for the further improvement of the State House lot, according to acts of Assembly dated the 20th of February, 1735–6, and the 14th of May, 1762, and resolution of Assembly dated 22d of September, 1783, for which he is to account.

Nathan Dennison, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Luzerne, took his seat, upon a return made of the general election.

Charles Campbell, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for Armstrong township, in the county of Westmoreland, upon a return made according to law. Mr. Campbell was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county.

James Reed, Esquire, Inspector of Flour in this city, was requested to attend Council to-morrow at 11 o'clock, to give some information respecting the late seizure of flour belonging to John Rheiner.

Drafts of two advertisements of the sale of sundry estates in this city, late of Andrew Elliott and of Alexander Bartrum, situate in Dauphine county—the former to be held at Philadelphia the fourth day of April, and the latter at Louisburg, the day of were laid before Council; and on consideration, the sale was allowed.

Ordered, That James Clunie be appointed an Agent to superintend the sale to be held at Dauphin county, and report to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 3d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	John Smilie,	
John Baird,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
John Whitehill,	Nathan Dennison,	

Jacob Reiger and Andrew Graff, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of Peace, the former for the district of Lancaster borough, and the latter for the district of Hempfield, Manheim and Lancaster townships, in the county of Lancaster, upon returns made according to law.

Jacob Reiger and Andrew Graff were also appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

Charles Campbell, Esquire, was appointed Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, in the room of Edward Cook, Esquire, moved out of the county.

John Griffin, Esquire, was also appointed Collector of Excise for the county of Westmoreland.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 5th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Whitehill,	Nathan Dennison, and	
James McLene,	John Baird,	

Mr. Billmeyer attended the Vice President as a Member of the Board of Property.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Baird, Esquire, for fifty-four pounds, in full for his attendance from the 23rd of December, 1786, until this day, inclusively.

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President, to George Emlen, for lot No. 32, part of Province

Island, containing thirteen acres and one hundred and six perches, sold at public sale on the seventh of February, 1787, for two hundred and sixty-three pounds. Deed dated the 5th of March, 1787.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Andrew Billmeyer,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Griffith Owen, for twenty pounds, in full of his account for keeping in repair the State House clock, from the 4th of March, 1786, until the 4th of March, 1787.

A petition from Henry Nezley, of Lancaster county, praying remission of a fine imposed upon him for neglecting to perform his tour of militia duty, was read, and an order taken that the collection of the said fine be postponed until the further order of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 7th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Nathan Dennison, and	
John Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The fine imposed upon William Dunbar, on conviction of fornication and bastardy, in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for twenty-two pounds sixteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the 12th of February until the 7th of March, 1786, inclusively, and its mileage.

The Honorable the Vice President and Mr. Billmeyer attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 8th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge,	Andrew Billmeyer,	Esquires.
John Baird,	John Smilie,	
William McLene,	Nathan Dennison,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Samuel Dean,	

Resolved, That No. 2 of the plans of a Court House for the city and county of Philadelphia, presented, according to law, by the Commissioners of the said city and county, has been approved by Council.

Upon a letter from Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, upon the subject of his purchase of William Courtney's estate, in Westmoreland county,

Ordered, That the Comptroller General be directed to issue a certificate for the amount of the sum paid into the Treasury by Mr. Huffnagle for the said estate, it appearing to Council that the said William Courtney was not attainted of high treason.

The Honorable the Vice President and Mr. Billmeyer attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 9th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Nathan Dennison, and	
John Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
James McLene,		

Colonel Andrew Porter was appointed a commissioner to assist Andrew Ellicott, Esquire, in running and marking the northern boundary of this State.

Ordered, That the Secretary request Major William Armstrong to attend Council to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, on public business.

Ordered, That Mr. Benjamin Brannan be desired to furnish Council with an account of all military stores now at Mud Island, and that he also report the situation of the buildings.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Whitehill,	Nathan Dennison, and	
James McLene,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The Representatives in Assembly from the county of Bedford attended in Council, at the request of the Board, when a conference on the propriety of issuing a writ for holding a special election of Councillor for the county aforesaid was had.

WHEREAS, By an act of this Board, on the 27th day of February, 1787, the election of a Councillor for the county of Bedford was declared void, by reason of uncertainty; and as by the Constitution of this State the people of that county have a right to elect a Councillor at the next general election for Representatives, except a particular election be ordered by Council; and having taken the opinion of the Members of Assembly from said county,

Resolved, That Council will not order a particular election of a Councillor for the county of Bedford, but leave the office vacant till the general election for Representatives, unless (by petition) a majority of the electors of the said county request an election before that time.

John Simpson, Esquire, Recorder of Deeds, &ca., for the county of Northumberland, was, upon the recommendation of sundry the inhabitants, appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of the said county.

The petition of John Elder and Robert Stephenson was, by order, referred to the House.

The following draft of a proclamation was read and approved:

Pennsylvania ss.

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of this Commonwealth, by a law intituled "An Act for co-operating with the State of Massachusetts Bay, agreeable to the articles of confederation, in the apprehending of the proclaimed rebels, Daniel Shays, Luke Day, Adam Wheeler, and Eli Parsons," have enacted "that rewards additional to those offered and promised to be paid by the State of

Massachusetts Bay for the apprehending the aforesaid rebels be offered by this State." We do hereby offer the following rewards to any person or persons who shall, within the limits of this State, apprehend the rebels aforesaid, and secure them in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, vizt: For the apprehending the said Daniel Shays, and securing him as aforesaid, the reward of one hundred and fifty pounds lawful money of the State of Massachusetts Bay, and one hundred pounds lawfull money of this State; and for apprehending the said Luke Day, Adam Wheeler, and Eli Parsons, and securing them as aforesaid, the reward (respectively) of one hundred pounds lawful money of Massachusetts Bay, and fifty pounds lawfull money of this State; and all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and Constables are hereby strictly enjoined and required to make diligent search and enquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure the said Daniel Shays, Luke Day, Adam Wheeler, and Eli Parsons, their aiders, abetters and comforters, and every of them, so as they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

Attest—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 12th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Peter Muhlenberg,	John Baird,	Esquires.
James McLene,	John Whitehill,	
John Smilie,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Andrew Billmeyer,	Samuel Dean, and	
Nathan Dennison,	Henry Hill,	

The petition of Thomas Gordon, attainted of high treason, stating that the proceedings against him have been erroneous, and praying that process be instituted to try their validity, was read. The Attorney General and Mr. Ingersol attended in Council, and were heard on this subject.

Upon application of Sharp Delaney, Esquire,

Ordered, That public sale be made of three casks marked L. S., 1 a 3, imported in the ship Pallas, J. Tingney, Master, from Amsterdam, containing grass seeds, and delivered into the Custom House as security for the duties.

The petition of James McGee was read and postponed.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Jane Cruckshank, and of the widow and children of Andrew Cruckshank, deceased, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-four pounds, being due to them for their pension, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated 1st March, 1780.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	John Smilie,	
Nathan Dennison,	James McLene, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, for seven hundred and fifty pounds, being for six months' salary due to him as President of the State.

Peter Kacklien, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the town and township of Easton, in the county of Northampton, upon a return made according to law.

Mr. Kacklien was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county.

Upon the report of the Committee that the facts, stated in Andrew Greble's petition, are not supported, an order was taken that the said petition be dismissed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 14th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	James McLene,	
Nathan Dennison,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	David Redick,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

Upon the petition of Brice Smith, a private in the second battalion of Cumberland county militia,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of that county be directed to postpone the collection of the fine imposed upon the said Smith for neglect of militia duty, until the further order of Council.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for six pounds, and in favor of Samuel Dean, Esquire, for sixteen pounds ten shillings, in full for their attendance in Council until this day included.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 15th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Whitehill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Andrew Billmeyer,	Nathan Dennison, and	
James McLene,	David Redick,	
John Smiley,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of George Smith, Esquire, for six pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence, balance due upon his account as late Agent of Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, according to the Comptroller General's report of September 25th, 1784.

In favor of Percifer Frazier, for three hundred and fifty-seven pounds seventeen shillings and four pence half penny, State money, and six pounds nineteen shillings and a half penny, ballances due upon his account as late Treasurer of the county of Chester in the first eight monthly taxes, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Griffith Evans, for fifteen pounds, in full of his acco't for his attendance on the Donation Lands Lottery from the 1st of Nov'r, 1786, to the last of February, 1787, keeping an account of the drawers, making returns to Council, &ca., according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 16th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
John Whitehill,	John Baird,	
James McLene,	John Smiley,	
Nathan Dennisen,	David Redick, and	
Andrew Billmeyer,	Henry Hill,	

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of John Gloningher, Esquire, Lieutenant of Dauphine county, from April, 1785, until the 15th of March, 1787, was read and approved.

The following deeds were examined and signed, vizt:

To Henry Haller, Esquire, for two tracts of land on Cold Run, in Brunswick township, in the county of Berks, one of them containing two hundred and eighty-three acres and one hundred and seventy-seven perches, and the other three hundred and six acres and fifty-five perches of land and allowance, late the estate of Christian Huck, an attainted traitor. Consideration money two thousand three hundred and sixty pounds. Deeds dated the 16th instant.

To Henry Bidkin, for lots No. 40, 48, 49, 50 and 51, being part of the Barrack ground sold for two hundred and sixty pounds 10s. Deed dated the 15th instant.

A letter was written to the Governor of the State of New York upon the subject of resuming the business of the partition line between that State and Pennsylvania, informing him that the Commissioners from this State will attend at New York on the 25th of this month on the business.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 17th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
William Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
James McLene,	John Baird,	
Nathan Dennison,	John Smilie, and	
Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

The Managers of the State Lottery were directed to attend Council on Monday next at 11 o'clock.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the last day of February, 1787, included.

Two deeds were examined and signed by the Vice President, vizt: to Samuel Baker, for lot No. 70, and to George Plim for lots No. 29 and 30, being part of the Barrack lot in the Northern Liberties. Consideration for the former seventy-six pounds ten shillings, and for the two last mentioned one hundred and thirteen pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence. Dated the 14th instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 19th, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
James M'Lene,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
John Baird,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 20th, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
James McLene,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
John Baird,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 21st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, John Baird,
Nathan Dennisen, David Redick,
James McLene, Samuel Dean, and } Esq'rs.
John Whitehill, Peter Muhlenberg,
John Smilie,

On motion,

Ordered, That the Managers of the State Lottery be directed to proceed to the drawing of the fourth or last class of the said lottery on the 2d day of May next, and that no tickets in the said class be sold, excepting to such persons as were adventurers in the preceding or third class, and to them on condition only that they renew their ticketts within the space of six weeks from this day.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Andrew Billmeyer, for forty-nine pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the 20th instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for forty-four pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Doe Run district, in the county of Chester, stating some irregular proceedings at the late election for Justices in the said district, and praying to be heard touching the same, was read, and an order taken, that William Clingan, John Culbertson and Isaac Taylor, Esquires, living near the said district, be authorized to make enquiry into the facts stated in the remonstrance aforesaid, and report to this Board in manner and form prescribed by an act of Assembly intituled An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the election of Justices of the Peace, throughout this State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 22d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
James McLene,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick, and	
John Baird,	Samuel Dean,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 23d, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
James McLene,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Reddick, and	
John Baird,	Samuel Dean,	

The petition of James Duffey, praying the remission of a fine of twenty-five pounds, imposed upon him on his being convicted of larceny, on two indictments, at the November term of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the county of Chester, was read and granted.

The fine of five pounds imposed on Solomon Hays, at the same court, on conviction of an assault and battery, was also remitted.

A draft of a letter to the Governor of Massachusetts, inclosing a copy of the late law for co-operating with the said State, in apprehending certain proclaimed rebels, and of the proclamation of Council founded thereon, was read and approved.

A letter from General St. Clair, on the subject of his accounts as Auctioneer of the city, was read.

David Watson, Esquire, was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the district of Leacock, Lancaster county, upon return made agreeably to law, and Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of the said county.

The petition of John Steen, praying the remission of a fine of three pounds, imposed upon him on being convicted of larceny at the November term of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the county of Chester, was read and granted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Armstrong, Jun'r, Esquire, for eighty-three pounds, in part of his salary as Secretary to Council, for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Nathan Dennisen, Esquire, for twenty-five pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 24th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honible Samuel Dean, Nathan Dennison,
John Whitehill, David Redick,
James McLene, Peter Muhlenberg, and
John Baird, Henry Hill,
John Smilie,
} Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 26th, 1787, P. M.

At the Vice President's house.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, John Smilie,
Evan Evans, Nathan Dennisen, and
John Whitehill, John Baird,
James McLene,
} Esquires.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Caleb Newbold, for pork taken from Newbold Islands, in the year 1776, amounting to seven hundred and eleven pounds nine shillings and eight pence half penny, was read and approved.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Meredith, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty-two pounds, in full for his attendance in Congress from November 19th, 1786, untill March 11th, 1787, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the 18th instant.

In favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, in part of his salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and in the Admiralty Sessions for this State, according to resolution of Assembly dated the thirteenth of March, 1782.

In favor of Francis Bailey, for fourteen pounds, in full of his account for newspapers furnished to Council from December 28th, 1785, until the 27th December, 1786.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick, and	
James McLene,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Baird,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of George Woods, Esquire, for six hundred and twenty-eight pounds seven shillings, ballance of his account as Lieutenant of the county of Bedford, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines.

The fine and corporal punishment imposed upon William McCorkill, upon conviction of perjury in the county of Chester, was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the guardian of Catharine Reinick, of Lancaster county, for twenty-two pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, being due for her pension from the 21st of June, until the 21st of September, 1786, according to the Comptroller General's report and act of Assembly dated 1st March, 1780.

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President to Alexander Power, for a tract of land situate in Turbitt township, in the county of Northumberland, containing two hundred and forty-seven acres and thirty-nine perches of land and allowance, late the estate of Alexander Bartram, and forfeited to the use of this Commonwealth by his attainder of high treason. Consideration fifty-one pounds. Deed dated 24th inst.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Mary Fullerton, for one hundred and eleven pounds fifteen shillings, in full of her account for her pension during her widowhood, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated 1st March, 1780.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the widow of Lieutenant Samuel Sloan, for one hundred and twenty pounds, being due for her pension from the 8th of February, 1785, until the 8th of February, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report, and two acts of Assembly dated the 1st of March, 1780, and the 1st of October, 1781.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of John Mease, Esquire, Auctioneer for the district of Southwark, for duty of sales at Southwark auction, from the 4th of December, 1786, until the 28th of February, 1787, inclusively, was read and approved.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as Chief Justice of this Commonwealth, due and ending the twenty-fifth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 28th, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Baird,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
James M'Lene,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
John Smilie,	William Brown,	

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 29th, 1787, A. M.

PRESENT:

Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
John Whitehill,	Nathan Dennisen,	
James M'Lene,	Samuel Dean,	
John Baird,	William Brown, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick.	

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Thurday, March 29th, 1787, P. M.

At the Vice President's house.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

John Smilie, John Baird, and
James McLene, Nathan Dennison, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Timothy Pickering, Esquire, for forty pounds nineteen shillings, for his services and expences as a Commissioner for notifying and holding elections in the county of Luzerne, according to act of Assembly dated 27th December, 1786.

In favor of John Piper, Esquire, for thirty-seven pounds eighteen shillings and six pence, being due to him upon a settlement of his account as late Lieutenant of the county of Bedford, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines.

In favor of the Managers of the Pennsylvania hospital, for three hundred and twenty pounds eight shillings, in full of their account for boarding and cloathing Dennis Ford and David Grady, (two wounded soldiers,) from the 1st of January, 1782, until the 15th of March, 1787.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Jacob Weiss, for a debt amounting to two hundred and thirty-three pounds seventeen shillings and eight pence, due by him to the estate of Phineas Bond, forfeited to this Commonwealth by his attainder of high treason, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 30th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg,
Henry Hill, John Smilie,
John Whitehill, William Brown,
James M'Lene, David Redick,
John Baird, Evan Evans, and
Nathan Dennisen, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Bradford, for thirty-eight pounds, in full of his account for print-

ing work done for the Council of Censors, and for newspapers furnished them in the year 1784, according to the Comptroller General's report.

An order was taken the Doorkeeper be directed to take six copies of Smith's Evening Chronicle, on each day's publication, for the use of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 31st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
Evan Evans,	John Smilie, and	Esquires.
Nathan Dennisen,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,		

James Coyle, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Dublin township, in the county of Bedford; and Jacob Stewart, a Justice of the Peace for the district of Tyrone, in the county of Fayette; upon returns made according to law.

James Coyle, Esquire, and Jacob Stewart, Esquire, were also appointed and commissioned Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in the respective counties.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council from the first untill the 31st of March, 1787, inclusively.

In favor of George Honey, Jun'r, for five pounds, in full of his account for filling up and delivering printed notices to sundry persons, inclosing city lotts belonging to the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 2d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Nathan Dennisen,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick, and	
James M'Lene,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
John Baird,		

The fines imposed upon John Shaefer and Robert Sherer, (prisoners in the jail of Louisburg and county of Dauphine,) on conviction of horse stealing, &c., &c., were, on motion, remitted.

Mr. Evans attended the Honorable Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 3d, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
James McLene,	Nathan Dennisen,	
John Smilie,	Henry Hill, and	
William Brown,	Peter Muhlenberg,	

The commission to the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, as one of the Judges to the Supreme Court, having expired, agreeably to the Constitution, Council proceeded to the filling up the vacancy, when the said George Bryan, Esquire, was reappointed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Bingham, Esquire, for one hundred and seventy-eight pounds two shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress until the 28th of March, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 4th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	David Redick,	
John Whitehill,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
James McLene,	John Smilie, and	
William Brown,	Evan Evans,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Mary Writ, for two hundred and sixty-seven pounds thirteen shillings & four pence, being the ballance of her pension from the 14th of November, 1778, until the first day of March, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated the first day of March, 1780.

The Honorable George Bryan, Esquire. appearing in Council, the oaths of qualification as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, were administered to him agreeably to the Constitution.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 5th, 1787.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esq'rs.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	John Smilie,	
James McLene,	Evan Evans,	
John Baird,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
William Brown,	Nathan Dennisen,	
David Redick,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Major William Armstrong, for five hundred pounds, for supplying the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the

Northern boundary of the State, with provisions and other necessaries, for which the said Commissioners are to account.

In favor of John Dunlap, for ninety-one pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, amount of his account for newspapers furnished, and printing work done for Council, between the 16th of April, 1778, and 31st of December, 1779, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the Honorable Nathan Denisen, Esquire, for twelve pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the 23d of March, until the eighth day of April, 1787, inclusively.

Upon consideration of the petition of David Neiss,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, be directed to postpone the sale of one hundred barrels of flour, part of the flour forfeited to the use of the State, late the property of John Rheiner, until the fourteenth of this month.

The commission of Judge of the Court of Admiralty of this State, held by Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, having expired agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the State, Council proceeded to the filling up of that office, when the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, was unanimously reappointed.

Upon the petition of John Hughes, of the county of Westmoreland,

Ordered, That the Land Officers be directed to issue a patent to the said John Hughes, for a tract of land purchased by him of a certain Joseph M'Dowell, situate in Hempfield township, in the county aforesaid. It appearing to Council that the right of the same is vested in said John Hughes, being prior to the claim set up by the Agents of Westmoreland county, in behalf of the Commonwealth, under the attainder of Alexander Ross.

Charles Campbell, of Westmoreland county, and James Harris of Cumberland county, Surveyor, and Solomon Adams, of Bedford county, were appointed Commissioners to lay out a highway, between the navigable waters of Frankstown branch of Juniata, and the river Conemaugh, agreeably to act of Assembly dated 29th of March last.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 7th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Andrew Billmeyer,	Evans Evans,	Esquires.
John Smilie,	James M'Lene,	
John Baird,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
David Redick,	John Whitehill,	
Samuel Dean,		

A letter from the Secretary of Congress, inclosing an act of that body for reducing the expences of the civil list department, with a state of the representation in Congress, was read.

The petition of John Mann, Frederick Conrad and Benjamin Markley, Esquires, Commissioners of the county of Montgomery, were read; and an order taken that the fines imposed on the said Commissioners for their not having transmitted transcripts of their assessments for the year 1786, to the Comptroller General's office, within the time limitted by law, be remitted.

A copy of the bye-laws and regulations or ordinances, which have been made for the government of the Bank of North America, under the hand of the President, and that of the corporation, was this morning presented to Council by the President and Directors.

Matthew Irvine, Esquire, Recorder of Deeds, &ca., was appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the city and county of Philadelphia.

An order was taken that two old and broken cannon, (French nine pounders,) the property of the Commonwealth, and now lying at Billingsport, be delivered to Henry Hill, Esquire, or his order.

A petition from Captain Robert Coltman, purchaser of a tract of land in Chetenham township, in Montgomery county, late of Alexander Bartram, an attainted traitor, stating that one Siddous, a tenant under Bartram, living on the premises, refuses to deliver up the possession thereof, and praying this Board to cause possession to be given him according to the act of attainder, was read; and an order taken, that the Sheriff of the county of Montgomery be directed to give possession of the premises aforesaid, to the said Robert Coltman in due form of law, he paying the incidental expences.

The Council met.

Same day, 6 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT :

At the President's House.

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble David Redick, John Baird, and Nathan Dennison, } Esquires.
William Brown,

Lord Butler, Esquire, was appointed Sheriff; and Nathan Carey, Coroner, for the county of Luzerne, and commissionated accordingly.

Zebulon Butler and Abel Pierce, of the said county, were accepted as sureties for the said Lord Butler.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 9th, 1787.

PRESENT :

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Samuel Dean, James M'Lene,
Henry Hill, John Baird,
John Smiley, Evan Evans,
Peter Muhlenberg, William Brown, and } Esquires.
David Redick, Jonathan Hoge,
John Whitehill,

Orders were drawn in favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esq'r, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being a quarter's salary due him as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and ending the 25th of March last.

And of John Nicholson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, being a quarter's salary due to his Clerk, ending the 6th instant.

Upon the petition of Charles Syng, the purchaser of a tract of land in Earl township, forfeited to the Commonwealth by the attainder of John Rine, setting forth that the said tract of land is now under execution, and advertised for sale, at the suit of the said attainted John Rhine, as the property of Michael Rine, deceased.

Ordered, That the Comptroller General be directed to give publice notice in some of the newspapers of this city, that the estate and interest of the Commonwealth, in and to the said tract of land, sold to the said Charles Syng, will be supported by government, against any person or persons that may become purchasers at the sale proposed to be made, on the first day of May next, by the Sheriff of said county.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Hon'ble Evan Evans, Esquire, for sixteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance 19 days until this day, included, and his mileage.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Redick, read and postponed for farther consideration, vizt:

That within five weeks after the election of President and Vice President, the Council shall annually appoint and commissionate all officers of this government who are in the appointment of Council, and whose times of continuance in office are not fixed by law, (Law Officers, Master of Rolls, Prothonotaries, Attorney General only excepted,) and such officers as shall be reappointed shall renew their bail, where bail is required by law, and the Secretary of Council shall be appointed on the eighth day after the election of President and Vice President annually, and that all officers of this government, who are by law appointed by Council, and whose time of continuance in office are not fixed by law, are respectively deemed to hold such offices at the discretion of Council.

The petition of John Patton and James Bayard, and a letter from Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, City Auctioneer, stating the difficulties which have presented themselves in collecting the monies due to the State, arising from public sale by auction, and praying "that the Board would so far interfere in their favor, as to instruct the Comptroller General not to urge the immediate discharge of the said duties," being read; an order was taken that the prayer of the petition and request of the letter aforesaid, cannot be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
John Smilie,	Evan Evans,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Brown,	
David Redick,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The petition of Henry Higgins, a prisoner under conviction of larceny, was read, and the fine imposed upon him remitted. The fine imposed upon Peter Mooney was also remitted.

A letter from John Armstrong, Jun'r, Esquire, Secretary of Council, stating, "that on the 24th ult. he had been elected a Delegate to Congress of the United States," and praying "that

Council would be pleased to grant him such occasional leave of absence from this Board, as may be proper or necessary to the discharge of this new trust," being read.

Resolved, That General Armstrong be informed that he has liberty from Council to attend his duty as a member of Congress, agreeably to the wishes of the Legislature expressed by their act of election of the 24th ultimo.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 11th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	Esq'rs.
Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
John Smilie,	Evan Evans,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Brown,	
David Redick,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 12th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
John Smilie,	Evan Evans,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Brown,	
David Redick,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The petition of Francis Wade, praying "the remission of a fine imposed upon him by conviction of appropriating public monies to his own use," was read, and the fine remitted.

The petition of Pleasant Smith, of the county of Bucks, praying the remission of a fine imposed upon her by keeping a tipling house, was read, and the fine remitted.

Mr. Evan Owen was, upon motion, "appointed a Commissioner" to explore, survey and mark the best route for the public road provided by act of Assembly, intitled "An Act for opening a road between the river Susquehanna, at the falls of the Nescopee and the Lehigh, at or near the Union saw mill. An order for fifteen

pounds, for the purpose of executing this appointment, was drawn in favor of Mr. Owen.

The sundry depositions relating to the loss of an order upon the Treasurer, drawn in favor of John Skinner, and by him transferred to Daniel Duncan, &c. &c., being read.

Resolved, That the said order in favor of John Skinner be renewed, on condition that he, Daniel Duncan, or any other person interested in the recovery of the lost order, give sufficient security that the State shall sustain no loss or injury by a presentment of the original order.

The fine imposed upon Jacob Candy, convicted of an assault and battery at the March term of the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for thirty-five pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the 21st March to the 14th of April, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the 11th instant inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable John Baird, Esquire, for forty-five pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the 14th instant, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council in the month of March last.

In favor of Thomas Steel, for forty-nine pounds, State money, in full for principal and interest due upon his certificate for a horse furnish'd for public use, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the fund appropriated by resolution of Assembly dated 8th of April, 1782.

A certificate of the division of Codorus township, in the county of York, by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at York Town for the said county, on the last Tuesday of April, 1786, was read, and an order taken that the said division be confirmed, agreeably to the decree of the said Court.

The fine imposed upon Adam Boylen on conviction of larceny in the county of Montgomery, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Jonathan Hoge,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
William Brown,	John Smiley,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	
James McLene,		

Motion by Mr. Smilie: "That Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, be removed from his present office of Auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, and that Council proceed to the appointment of a person in his stead." A postponement of this motion (generally,) was moved by Mr. Muhlenberg, and negatived. Mr. Redick then moved the postponemet of it for the purpose of taking up the following, vizt:

"WHEREAS, The Honorable Arthur St. Clair, Auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, hath lately been advanced to a high station by the United States in Congress assembled, and as it is the opinion of this Board that his office of Auctioneer is incompatible with his present dignified station; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the said Arthur St. Clair be no longer continued in the said office, and that an Auctioneer be appointed to fill the vacancy."

Mr. Redick's motion adopted.

Council proceeded, accordingly, to the election of an Auctioneer, and Peter Wikoff was chosen.

On motion,

Resolved, To proceed to fill up the vacancy produced by the resignation of Charles Dilworth, Esquire, late the Lieutenant of the county of Chester, upon which Joseph McClelland was elected.

On motion,

Ordered, That the sale of the flour in the case of John Rheiner, be postponed till farther orders.

Mr. Redick's motion of the 9th instant, was this day adopted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, for six hundred and sixty pounds out of the money arising from the duty upon tonnage, to be applied towards the further improvement of the navigation in the Bay and River Delaware, for which sum the said Wardens are to account.

The following order was drawn upon the Treasurer:

In favor of George Smith, Esquire, for three pounds seven shillings and six pence, ballance due upon his account as Agent for the sale of Confiscated Estates in Montgomery county, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met at the President's house.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 13th, 1787, P. M.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

James McLene,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,	John Smilie, and	
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	

Council being informed that some time ago Messieurs Redick and Hoge were ousted of the better part of their district as Surveyors, without any proof of misconduct in their office,

Resolved, That if the Surveyor General shall reinstate them therein, his so doing will have the approbation of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 14th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

John Whitehill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
James McLene,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Samuel Dean,	
Andrew Billmeyer,	Henry Hill, and	
William Brown,	Jonathan Hoge,	

John Bayard, senior, and Joseph Harrison, were accepted as sureties for Peter Wykoff, Esquire, appointed Auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, and a bond was executed accordingly.

Council taking into consideration the offer made by Benjamin Brannon, to surrender up the lease of Mud Island, and the necessity of appointing some person to take care of the said island,

Resolved, That the said lease be now accepted, and that the Comptroller General be authorised and empowered to lease Mud Island for seven years, reserving for public use such parts as have been heretofore used for the purpose of fortifying, and taking se-

curity that the stone work shall not be removed, and that the premises shall be delivered up in good order at the expiration of the term aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 16th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
James McLene,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
John Smilie,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Armstrong, Jun'r, Esquire, for sixty pounds, in part of his pay as a delegate from this State to Congress, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, for one hundred and thirty-five pounds, in full for his attendance in Congress until the day of March last, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable William Irwine, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty-nine pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress until the 13th day of April, 1787, and his mileage.

In favor of Colonel William Henry, for two hundred and sixty-three pounds, for the purpose of defraying the expence of exercising the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, to be paid out of the militia fines of the said city and liberties, for which sum he is to account.

The report of James Maxfield, Richard Bard, and George Matthews, Esquires, appointed to hear the evidences touching a disputed election of Justices of the Peace for Guildford township, in the county of Franklin, was read and considered, and there appearing no sufficient reason for setting aside the said election, an order was taken that the same be confirmed.

And thereupon, John Andrew, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid, he having a majority of legal votes.

The Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, attending in Council, the oaths of qualification as Judge of the Court of Admiralty of this State, were administered to him, agreeably to the Constitution.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 17th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
William Brown,	John Smilie, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
John Whitehill,		

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 18th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James M'Lene,	
William Brown,	John Smilie, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
John Whitehill,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 19th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
John Whitehill,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
James McLene,	John Smilie,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of the Honorable John Smilie, Esquire, for one hundred and forty-one pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the eighteenth day of this month, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable Andrew Billmeyer, Esquire, for fifteen pounds, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the 5th instant until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of George Wunnemacher, for thirty-eight pounds nineteen shillings and eleven pence State money, in full for principal and interest due upon his certificate for a horse furnished for public

use, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the monies appropriated by resolution of Assembly dated 8th of April, 1782.

In favor of Robert Wood, for fifteen pounds, for 300 pieces of parchments, furnished for patenting the donation lands to officers and soldiers of the late Pennsylvania line.

In favor of the Honorable John Whitehill, Esquire, for forty-two pounds five shillings, for his attendance in Council from the 27th of February until the 20th of April, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

On motion,

The resolutions of Council of the 6th and 13th of this month, for postponing the sale of one hundred barrels of flour, late the property of John Rheiner, were reconsidered and rescinded.

Mr. Miers Fisher attended Council, and was heard upon the subject of his claim to city lots, &c., as attorney to Richard Howe and John Elliott.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 20th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble James McLene, Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg, John Smilie, William Brown, and John Whitehill, Esquires.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 21st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble James McLene, Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg, and William Brown, Esquires.

The Council met at the Vice President's House.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 23d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, William Brown, Jonathan Hoge, James McLene, and Peter Muhlenberg, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Andrew Elliott, Esquire, for sixty pounds, to enable the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the Northern boundaries of this Commonwealth, to proceed on the business of their appointment, for which sum the said Commissioners are to account.

Upon the petition of William Rees, praying to be allowed sixty pounds per annum for taking care of the State House lot,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform Mr Rees that Council do not think themselves authorized to make any further allowance for improving the State House lot.

Daniel Ludwig, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of the townships of Tulpehoccon and Bethel, in the county of Berks, upon a return made according to law.

Mr. Ludwig was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county aforesaid.

The following questions proposed to be stated to the Honorable the Judges and Attorney General, were presented by Mr. McLene, read and postponed for further consideration, vizt:

Does the law enacted on the 28th of March, 1787, entituled "An Act to make more effectual provisions for the payment of one hundred and thirty thousand pounds sterling, granted to the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania by an act intituled An Act for vesting the estates of the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania in this Commonwealth, and for allowing interest on the several installments thereof from the times they have fallen and shall fall due, until actual payment thereof," amount to a repeal of all former laws by which monies in the Treasury of this State are specially appropriated?

Or does it only reach to or take in monies formerly appropriated to the payment of the debts therein mentioned, together with such unappropriated money as may come into the Treasury of the State?

Upon consideration of the petitions of Richard Fawcett and James McGee, now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, and several recommendations in their favor,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed not to proceed to execute the sentence of the Court upon the said Faucett and McGee, until further orders from Council.

Council Chamber,

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 24th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, James McLene,
Samuel Dean, William Brown, and } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg,

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 25th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, James McLene,
Samuel Dean, William Brown, and } Esqr's.
Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg,

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 26th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Samuel Dean, James McLene,
Henry Hill, William Brown, and } Esqr's.
Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg,

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Samuel Dean, James McLene,
Henry Hill, William Brown, } Esqr's.
Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg,

The Council met at the Vice President's house.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 28th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Peter Muhlenberg, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, vizt:

In favor of James Thompson for six pounds, being money expended by the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, in coming to and returning from a Supreme Court, held at Philadelphia the second day of April, 1787, and continuing for three weeks.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General, and ending the 13th inst.

In favor of Lewis Rue, for fifty pounds, in part of one hundred pounds to be advanced to him for repairing the banks of Mud Island, agreeably to a contract between him and the Comptroller General, in behalf of the Commonwealth, dated the day of April instant.

In favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the 25th instant.

In favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, and in favor of the Honorable William Brown, for twenty-four pounds, in full for their attendance in Council until this day inclusively.

In favor of Francis Bailey, for one hundred pounds two shillings and five pence, in full of his acco't for printing work done for the Comptroller General.

In favor of James Pearson, for seventy-four pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence, in full of his acco't for building barracks for invalids, and for materials furnished.

In favor of Major William Armstrong, for five hundred pounds, for purchasing provision and other necessaries for the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the Northern boundary of this Commonwealth.

On application of Major William Armstrong,

Ordered, That Captain Stiles be directed to deliver to him such number of tents as may be necessary to accommodate the Commissioners while employed in the business aforesaid, he, the said Armstrong, to be accountable.

The questions presented on the twenty-third instant, and postponed for further consideration, were this day adopted, and the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy thereof to the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney General, for their opinion thereon.

Wednesday next was assigned for going into the consideration of the cases of Robert Elliott, Alice Clifton, and Barak Martin, now confined in the jail of this city, under sentence of death.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Captain John Graff, for militia service in Colonel Geatz's battalion of Lancaster county militia, in the years 1777, 1778, and 1779.

Of the Commonwealth against Thomas Smith, Esquire, Loan Officer, for the ballance in his hands of dollar money received from the United States in exchange for bills of credit of April, 1781, emitted by this State.

Of Robert Smith, of Philadelphia, for his services removing provisions and stores from Philadelphia at the approach of the enemy, per act of Congress of April, 1777.

Of the Commonwealth against John Clendennin, of Lancaster county, for a debt due on a bond for monies lent by the Council of Safety, on interest.

Of the Commonwealth against the estate of Michael Rhine, of Lancaster county, for a debt, forfeited as the estate of John Rhine.

Upon the petition of James Anslow, convicted (in the city of Philadelphia) of larceny, an order was taken that the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said James Anslow, be remitted.

Upon the petition of the officers of the several Light Infantry companies in this city, in behalf of themselves and companies,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the city and Liberties of Philadelphia be directed to suspend the collection of the fines incurred by the petitioners for not attending militia duty in their respective wards, until the farther orders of Council; and it is expected that the officers and privates composing the said Infantry will in future attend, and answer to their names in the companies in which they have been enrolled, according to law.

On motion,

Ordered, That a pardon, under the great Seal of the State, be granted unto John Robeson, attainted of high treason, so far as respects his person only.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 30th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Henry Hill, Jonathan Hoge, Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, and James McLene, William Brown, } Esquires.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 1st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Samuel Dean, James McLene, and Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg, William Brown, } Esquires.

The Council met at the Vice President's House.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 2d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, William Brown, and Peter Muhlenberg, James McLene, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council until

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds eleven shillings and nine pence, in full for his wages as Door-keeper to Council, for the month of April, 1787, and cash paid for a sweeping brush, and carrying wood.

In favor of Adam Weaver, Jun'r, for thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, being the reward offered by proclamation of Council, dated eighth day of September, 1786, for apprehending a certain Philip Jones, otherwise called James Burn, since convicted of piracy.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of the Commonwealth against John Coburne, for a debt due to the estate late of Matthias Aspden, an attainted traitor, amounting to five hundred and five pounds.

Of John Keekmle, for medicine and attendance upon Benjamin Freeman, a wounded soldier, in the year 1776, and an order drawn for ten pounds, amount thereof.

Upon consideration of the claim of Miers Fisher, to sundry city lots and lands in this State, as Attorney to Richard Howe and John Elliott;

Ordered, That the opinion of the Attorney General be taken upon the following questions :

1st. Was Thomas Farmborough, under whom the petitioners claim, intituled to five thousand acres of land in Pennsylvania, by an original purchase from William Penn, the first Proprietor?

2d. If he was, are his rights vested in the petitioners?

Agreeably to the minute of the 28th of last month, Council took into consideration the case of Robert Elliott, now under sentence of death for burglary, and the record of his conviction being read, an order was taken that a warrant for executing the sentence of the court upon him on Saturday, the twelfth day of this month, be issued under the less seal, directed to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia.

The case of Alice Clifton, now confined in the jail of this city, under sentence of death, for the murder of her infant, was also considered, and an order taken that the said Alice Clifton be reprieved until the end of the next setting of the General Assembly.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 3rd, 1787.

PRESENT :

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, James McLene, Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, and Jonathan Hoge, William Brown, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 4th, 1787.

PRESENT :

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, and James McLene, William Brown, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, for fifty pounds, for his services as coun-

sel for the Commonwealth in several causes between the State and sundry persons.

The fine imposed upon Francis Hughes, upon conviction of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted on condition that he find sufficient security for his good behaviour.

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of John Rheiner, relating to quantity of flour forfeited by him to the Commonwealth, and thereupon, a motion was made by General Muhlenberg, as follows, vizt:

Resolved, That the money arising from the sale of one hundred barrels of flour, forfeited to the State by John Rheiner, be remitted.

The votes being taken upon this motion, it was determined in the affirmative, and the yeas and nays being called, were as follows, vizt:

YEAS:	NAYS:
Mr. Hoge, Mr. Muhlenberg, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Dean.	Mr. Franklin, President, and Mr. McLene.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 5th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, James McLene,
Samuel Dean, William Brown, and } Esq'rs.
Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Hoge,

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7 May, of the 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Henry Hill, William Brown, and
Samuel Dean Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
James McLene,

The Council met, at the Vice President's house.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 8th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, and
Henry Hill, William Brown, } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge,

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James McClean, Esquire, for sixty-eight pounds, in full for his attendance in Council three days in December, 1786, and from the 20th of February last until the 7th instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, being six months' salary, due to him as Vice President of the State, and ending the 10th of this month.

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, or order, the sum of twenty-one pounds, in full for his attendance in Council in the month of April last, the last day included.

In favor of Colonel William Coats, Lieutenant of the county of Philadelphia, for sixty-four pounds one shilling and six pence, for defraying the expences of exercising the militia of the said county, during the present season, for which sum he is to account, to be paid out of the militia fines of the said county.

Mr. Brown attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

Upon the petition of George William Steinhawer,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to postpone the collection of the fine imposed upon the said George Steinhawer, (upon being convicted of fraud in re-branding a quantity of flour shipped on board the brig Olive Brank,) until the end of two weeks from this date.

The fine imposed upon John Lupton, now confined in the jail of this city, was remitted.

Council resumed the consideration of the petitions of Richard Fawcett, and James McGee, now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Richard Fawcett, and James McGee, be pardoned on condition that they give sufficient security, each in the sum of fifty pounds, for their good behaviour for the term of two years from this date.

The opinion of the Honorable Judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney General upon the questions stated to them by Council, on the 28th ult,, was read as follows, vizt :

We have considered the questions proposed by the Supreme Executive Council to the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General.

1st. Whether the Act of Assembly intitled "An Act to make more effectual provision for the payment of one hundred and thirty thousand pounds sterling, granted to the late Proprietaries, &ca.;" passed the 28th day of March last, amounts to a repeal of all former laws, by which monies in the Treasury of this State are specially appropriated.

2nd. Or whether it only reaches to and takes in monies formerly appropriated to the payment of the debt therein mentioned, together with such unappropriated money as may come into the Treasury of this State :

And, In answer to the first, are of opinion, that it does not amount to a repeal of all former laws by which monies in the Treasury of this State are specially appropriated.

To the second, we answer, that it seems to us to be intended to give a *prioryty* of payment to the warrants in favor of the late Proprietaries out of the funds heretofore assigned for the payment thereof, to wit : The imposts and taxes, and also out of all other monies in the Treasury, not specially appropriated.

By the *words* of this Act, it may be thought by some, that the warrants in favor of the late Proprietaries are to be paid in the *first place*, out of any monies in the Treasury, because it recites "that the *funds* apprpriated to the payment of them, have been *deficient;*" and enacts "that they shall be actually paid out of the first monies which shall be received into the public Treasury." But acts of Assembly ought to be construed according to the *will and intention* of the makers, and tho' the words are *general*, yet they ought to be *specially* construed to avoid an apparent injury. And it certainly could not be the intent of the Legislature to make these warrants payable out of the monies set apart and fixed for the Judge's salaries, which would be a violation of the constitution, as appears by a Legislative declaration ; nor out of the monies allotted specially for the support of government, for then the wheels of government must stop; nor out of the monies assigned by themselves, during the same sessions, for the clearing of divers public roads, in consequence of which contracts have been made, for this would work an evident wrong to the parties contracted with, divest a right already vested, and be such a breach of public faith as would be attended with most injurious consequences in the example. *Whereas*, by our construction, not only the *intention* but the *words* of the Legislature will be satisfied, for there will be *additional* and efficient funds for the securing the payment of this grant, and, by the *pri-*

ority an absolute certainty of its being speedily done, and no injustice or public inconvenience be incurred.

THOMAS McKEAN,
GEORGE BRYAN,
WILLIAM BRADFORD, Jun'r.

Philadelphia, May 3d, 1787.

His Excellency the President and the Hon'ble the Supreme Executive Council.

And the same being considered,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to John Penn, Senior, Esquire, or order, the sum of six thousand pounds sterling, in part of the second and third annual payments directed by law to be paid to the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 9th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Hoge, and William Brown, } Esquires.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Hoge, and William Brown } Esquires.

The Council met at the Vice President's house.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 11th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Jonathan Hoge, and
Samuel Dean, William Brown, } Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the ninth instant, inclusive.

In favor of Clement Biddle, Esquire, for seventy-eight pounds, in full of his account for rations supplied the Invalids corps, from the first day of February to the 30th of April, 1787, inclusive, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the recommendation of Andrew Ellicott, Esquire,

Ordered, That Mr. John Adlum be employed as a Surveyor to attend the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the Northern boundary of this State; and that he be allowed seven shillings and six pence per day while actually employed in the said business.

A letter from Timothy Pickering, Esquire, of the 10th instant, enclosing several returns of elections of Justices of the Peace, held according to law in the first, second and third districts, in the county of Luzerne, was read; and on consideration,

The following gentlemen were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Luzerne, vizt:

Matthias Hollenback and
William Hooker Smith, Esq'r., } for the first district.

Benjamin Carpenter and
James Nesbitt, Esquires, } for the second district.

Obadiah Gore and
Nathan Kingsley, Esquires, } for the third district.

Ordered, That the said Matthias Hollenback, William Hooker Smith, Benjamin Carpenter, James Nesbitt, Obadiah Gore and Nathan Kingsley, be also appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Andrew Ellicott, Esquire, for eighty-four pounds, to enable him to proceed in the business of running and marking the Northern boundary of this Commonwealth, for which sum he is to account.

The consideration of the Comptroller General's report upon William Smith's account as late Sub-Lieutenant of Lancaster county, was postponed.

Council took into consideration the case of Jacob Dryer, now confined in the jail of this city, under sentence of death for burglary; and thereupon

Ordered, That the said Jacob Dryer be pardoned, on condition that he transport himself beyond the seas, not to return to the United States.

The case of Barrack Martin, confined in the same jail, under sentence of death for arson, was also considered, and a pardon granted to him on condition that he depart this State forthwith, and not return.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May twelfth, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, Jonathan Hoge, and
Samuel Dean, William Brown, } Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,

Monday, May the 14th, 1787.

PRESENT:

As on Saturday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 15th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Henry Hill, Jonathan Hoge, and } Esquires.
Samuel Dean, William Brown,

A letter from Hugh Laird, Esquire, requesting leave to resign his offices of Justice of the Peace and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Cumberland, was read, and the resignation accepted.

The fine due to the State, imposed upon James McGee, upon conviction of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, was this day remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May the 16th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg, and } Esquires.
Samuel Dean, William Brown, }

Upon the petition of Elizabeth Emery, convicted of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be such, and sentenced to a year's imprisonment, praying remission of the remainder of her imprisonment,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 17th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, and } Esquires.
Jonathan Hoge, William Brown, }

Upon the petitions of Anthony Andaully and Mary Landell, praying Council to remit that part of the forfeiture of the brigantine Burlington and a number of pick axes, &ca., which belongs to the Commonwealth, an order was taken that the prayer of the said petitions be granted.

Council took into consideration the case of Aaron Doan, now confined in the jail of this city, under sentence of death; and thereupon

Ordered, That he be pardoned, on condition that he transport himself beyond the seas, not to return to the United States.

General Muhlenberg's resignation of his office of Commissioner for hearing and determining upon the claims of people settled in the county of Luzerne, under grants from Connecticut prior to the degree of Trenton, was accepted.

The Council met at the President's house.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May the 18th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg, and William Brown, } Esquires.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Dunlap and Claypoole, for printing public accounts, advertizing sales of forfeited estates, &ca., and for stationary furnished for the Comptroller General's office, was read and approved; and an order drawn upon the Treasurer for forty pounds two shillings and nine pence, being the amount thereof.

A petition from Richard Wells and John Clifford, relating to the late seizure of the ship Anne, by the Naval Officer, was read, and the consideration thereof postponed until Tuesday next.

A letter from Charles Thomson, Esquire, Secretary of Congress, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the third instant, declaring the acknowledgement by Congress of Phineas Bond, Esquire, as Consul from his Britannic Majesty, for the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, was read, and an order taken that public announciation of him in that quality be made.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 19th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Jonathan Hoge, William Brown, Peter Muhlenberg, } Esquires.

Council took into consideration the application of Monsieur Otto, Charge' des Affaires of his Most Christian Majesty, requesting that Monsieur de Brassines, who had been employed in his Majesty's armies, and is charged with malversation in his office, and is now in the prison of this city, be delivered up to Monsieur de Marbois Consul for France, in order to be sent thither to answer for his said conduct; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, be directed to deliver over the said De Brassine to the order

of Monsieur Barbe de Marbois, Consul for France, and put on board such vessel as he the said Consul may direct, on condition that all debts with which he stands charged, as due to the citizens of any of the United States, and for which he is confined are first discharged, or that such creditors are satisfied with his removel.

A petition from Jonas Philips, praying remission of a fine imposed on him for usury, was read, and the consideration thereof postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 21st, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Hoge, and William Brown, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Lewis Rue, for twenty-five pounds, towards enabling him to repair the banks of Mud Island, agreeably to contract entered into between him and the Comptroller General, in behelf of the Commonwealth.

A petition from Bridget Edgeworth, praying Council to remit the remaining part of the imprisonment to which she was sentenced, upon being convicted of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, was read, and an order taken that the prayer of her petition be granted, on condition that she give security in the sum of twenty pounds, for her good behaviour for the term of twelve months from this date.

A return of an election for borough officers, held on the first instant, in the town of Carlisle, was presented to Council and read, by which it appears that the following named gentlemen where duly elected, vizt:

Samuel Laird and John Montgomery, } Burgesses.
Philip Miller, } High Constable.
Andrew Holmes, Jun'r, } Town Clerk.
Thomas Foster, John M'Curdy, William Rainey, Robert Smith, } Assistants.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 22d, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, William Brown, and Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.

The fine due to the State imposed upon John Wheeler, on conviction of an assault and battery in the city and county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

Council proceeded to fill up the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of General Muhlenberg, as a Commissioner for carrying into execution the act of Assembly for ascertaining and confirming to certain persons called Connecticut claimants, the lands by them claimed within the county of Luzerne, &c., and the ballots being taken, General Daniel Hiester was unanimously elected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 23d, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Henry Hill, Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg, William Brown, } Esquires.

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Jonas Philips, convicted of usury; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

The Council met at the Vice President's house.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Hoge, William Brown, } Esquires.

The fine imposed upon John Foy, upon conviction of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

A letter from the Honorable the Chief Justice, and Judge Rush, inclosing transcripts from the record of the conviction of Joseph

Remsey Warner and Sarah Williams, upon indictment for murder at a Court Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery held at Carlisle, for the county of Cumberland, on the 14th and 22nd of this month, and recommending the said Sarah Williams as an object of mercy, was read, together with a petition and recommendation from the jury in her behalf; on consideration,

Ordered, That the said Sarah Williams, be and she is hereby reprieved until the end of the next session of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That a warrant under the less seal be now issued for executing the sentence of the Court upon the said Joseph Ramsey Warner, on Wednesday the ninth day of June next.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 25th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Peter Muhlenberg, Henry Hill, } Esquires.
William Brown, }

The Council met at the Vice President's house.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 26th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg, William Brown, }

Upon consideration of the memorial of Pressley Neville, relative to his being deprived of his district as Surveyor in the county of Washington, an order was taken that the same be referred to the Surveyor General, and that he be informed that it is the wish of Council he should settle the dispute in such manner as he shall think best calculated to serve the interests of the State.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, for one hundred and thirty-five pounds, in full for his attendance in Congress from the 15th of March, untill the 13th day of May, 1787, both days included.

The fines due to the State imposed upon William McDowell and Thomas Steel, severally convicted of assault and battery in the county of Lancaster, were remitted.

The fine imposed upon John Stanley, upon conviction of larceny at the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held on the 4th of September, 1786, for the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The Comptroller General's report of the 24th instant, upon the account of John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esquire, late Treasurer of the Council of Safety, &ca., for monies due to Commonwealth, was read and approved.

A memorial from Thomas Smith, Esquire, Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office for this State, praying the protection and interposition of Council, that the proceedings against him by the Comptroller General may be suspended, and that he may have an opportunity of showing that he is not a debtor to the State in the manner set forth in the claim exhibited against him, for thirty-nine thousand six hundred and sixty-five pounds six shillings and three pence, paper money of the emission 1780, was read, and an order taken that the Comptroller General be directed to stay all proceeding against Mr. Thomas Smith, until further orders from Council.

On motion,

Ordered, That one month from this date be allowed Jacob Dryer, for complying with the condition annexed to the pardon granted to him on the tenth instant.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 28th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Samuel Dean, William Brown, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 29th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Jonathan Hoge, William Brown, Samuel Dean, Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, } Esquires.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 30th, 1787.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May the 31st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,
Henry Hill,	William Brown, and
Peter Muhlenberg,	James McLene, (now returned.)

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds five shillings; and in favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full for their attendance in Council untill the 31st of May, 1787, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full for attendance in Council from the 28th of April, until 28th of May, 1787, inclusively.

In favor of Griffith Evans, for forty-three pounds, in full of his account for writing and registering two hundred and eighty-four patents for donation lands, and for attendance upon the lottery, for distributing the said lands, keeping an account of the drawers, making returns to Council, and delivering out patents from the 23d December, 1786, until this day.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full for attendance as Doorkeeper to Council from the first to the thirty first of May, 1787, inclusively.

In favor of Colonel Andrew Porter, for one hundred pounds, advanced to him as one of the Comissioners for running and marking the northern boundary of this Commonwealth, to enable him to proceed in the said business, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Samuel Vaughan, Esquire, for ten pounds six shillings and nine pence, being money advanced by him for improving the State House lot, between the third of January and first of May, 1787.

A petition from John Knight, attainted of high treason, praying Council to remit the penalties under which he labors in consequence of the said attainder, was read, and an order taken that he be reprieved until the end of the next sessions of the General Assembly.

A certificate from the Honorable George Bryan, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, certifying that Timothy Matlack, Esquire, hath entered sufficient security for prosecuting with effect his appeals from four judgments, pronounced against him by the Comptroller General, was read, and the said appeals allowed upon the memorial of Mr. Matlack.

A letter from Joseph Montgomery, Esquire, praying leave to resign his appointment as Commissioner for executing the act of Assembly for ascertaining and confirming to certain persons called Connecticut claimants, the lands by them claimed in the county of Luzerne, was read, and his resignation accepted.

A petition from William Pettit, of Bucks county, stating that in May, 1785, he became bound in a recognizance for the appearance of his son John Pettit, to answer to an indictment for larceny in the said county, that on the day of appearance he could not procure the attendance of his son, whereby his recognizance became forfeited, and he indebted to the Commonwealth in the sum of three hundred pounds, that at a subsequent Court his son appeared, was tried and convicted of the said offence; therefore, praying that he may be discharged from the payment of the said debt, was read, and an order taken that the prayer of the said petition be granted.

The Council met at the Vice President's house.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 1st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Jonathan Hoge,
Samuel Dean, James McLene, and } Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg, William Brown,

Council proceeded to fill up the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Joseph Montgomery, Esquire, as a Commissioner for carrying into execution the act of Assembly for ascertaining and confirming to certain persons called Connecticut claimants, the lands by them claimed in the county of Luzerne, &c. And the ballots being taken Stephen Balliet, Esquire, was elected.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Peter Spengler, for fifty pounds three shillings and seven pence. In favor of James Stevenson, for forty-two pounds thirteen shillings and ten pence. And in favor of Henry Tups, for one shilling and five pence, in full for principal and interest due upon their certificates for horses and provisions furnished for public use in the year 1780, according to the Comptroller General's report, and to be paid out of the fund appropriated by resolution of Assembly dated eighth day of April, 1782.

In favor of John Hollenback, for ten pounds one shilling and two pence, for forage supplied the corps of Light Dragoons while employed in public service at Wioming, in the year 1784, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 2nd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,
Samuel Dean,	William Brown, and
Peter Muhlenberg,	James McLene,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Brown, Esquire, for thirty-one pounds six shillings, in full of his attendance in Council from the twenty-eight day of April until this day, inclusive, and his mileage.

Mr. James McLene was appointed a member of the Board of Property, for the present month.

Council proceeded to fill up the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of James Duncan, Esquire, late Collector of Excise for the county of Cumberland, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Richard Parker, Esquire, was duly elected, and he was commissioned accordingly.

On motion,

Ordered, That Samuel Crossan, Jun'r, be appointed and commissionated Collector of Excise in and for the county of Bedford.

Upon the petition of Peter Le Barbiere Duplessis, and a recommendation from a number of respectable citizens,

Ordered, That he be appointed and commissionated a Notary and Tabellion Public, and Interpreter of foreign languages for this Commonwealth.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 4th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Jonathan Hoge, and James McLene, } Esquires.

Council Chamber.

Tuesday, June 5th, 1787.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Jonathan Hoge, and James McLene, } Esquires.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of James Clunie, Esquire, Agent for the sale of Forfeited Estates in Dauphine county, was read and approved, and an order drawn for one pound three shillings and four pence, being expences attending the sale of Alexander Bartram's estate.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 7th, 1787.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

Mr. McLene attended as a member of the Board of Property.

Council Chamber.

Friday, June 8th, 1787.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

Council Chamber.

Saturday, June 9th, 1787.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

Mr. McLene attended the Board of Property.

Council Chamber.

Monday, June 11th, 1787

PRESENT:

James McLene, Jonathan Hoge, Esquires.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 12th, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill, James McLene, and Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Hoge, John Smilie, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIM, Esquire, President.

Jonathan Hoge, James McLene, and Peter Muhlenberg, John Smilie, } Esquires.

Council took into consideration a paper signed Andrew Ledlie, Chairman, containing divers resolutions of the inhabitants of Easton, in Northampton county, at a town meeting lately held in that place, respecting the late act of General Assembly, passed on the twenty-eighth day of March last, for confirming to the people called Connecticut claimants the lands by them claimed in the county of Luzerne; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General be requested to hold a conference with Council, upon the subject of the said resolutions, at five o'clock this afternoon, at the President's House.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Meredith, Esquire, for one hundred and ten pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress from April the seventeenth until June first, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty pounds, for defraying the contingent expences of the Comp-

troller General's office, including expences for firewood for the Pennsylvania Guards and oil for the lamp kept up in the guard room, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Lewis Rue, for twelve pounds ten shillings, part of the one hundred pounds advanced to him for repairing the banks of Mud Island, according to contract.

In favor of Mrs. Jane Roberts, for seventy-five pounds, for her pension due on the first of April last, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the proceeds of the estate of John Roberts, deceased.

On application of Sharp Delany, Esquire,

Ordered, That the two cases of merchandize marked C I G, and R P 2, the former imported in the sloop Peggy Taylor, from New York, and the latter in the brigantine Lydia, Hammond, from Amsterdam, and lodged in the Custom House, be exposed to public sale according to law, passed on the twenty-third of December, 1780, for discharge of the duties.

The Council met the same day at the President's House, June thirteenth, 1787, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Jonathan Hoge, James McLene, and Peter Muhlenberg, John Smilie, } Esquires.

The Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General attended, agreeable to notice given them this morning, and a conferrence was had upon the subject of the late resolutions of some inhabitants of Easton, signed Andrew Ledlie, Chairman.

Council resumed the consideration of the remonstrance of certain persons stiling themselves inhabitants of the town and township of Easton, in the county of Northampton, and certain resolutions signed Andrew Ledlie, Chairman, transmitted with the said remonstrance; and being of opinion that the said resolutions have a tendency to incite the good people of this State to desist the government thereof, and are of a criminal and seditious nature,

Resolved, That the said remonstrance and resolutions be transmitted to the Attorney General, and that he be directed to commence a prosecution against such persons as shall be found to be principally active in framing and circulating the said seditious resolutions, and to take proper measures for bringing the said persons to trial.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 14th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, James McLene, and
Jonathan Hoge, John Smilie,
Peter Muhlenberg, } Esquires.

The fine due to the State imposed upon Thomas Swan upon his being convicted of keeping a disorderly house in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds four shillings and three pence, for the travelling charges of the Judges of the Supreme Court, on the circuit commencing May the fifth, 1787, and ending the twenty-ninth of the same month, from Philadelphia to Lancaster and Carlisle, and from York to Philadelphia, including the expences of the Prothonotary, Attorney General, and servants, according to the Judge's certificate.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 15th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill, James McLene,
Jonathan Hoge, John Smilie, and
Peter Muhlenberg, Samuel Dean, } Esquires.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 16th, 1787.

PRESENT:

As yesterday, and Andrew Billmeyer, Esquire.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 18th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Hon'ble Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one-half year's salary, due to him on the first instant, as Attorney General of the State, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of the Commonwealth against the Managers of the House of Employment, for flower and salt lent in the year 1779, by order of Council, amounting to one hundred and sixty-three pounds eighteen shillings and six pence, was read and approved.

Bernard Ziegler and David Beatty, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace, the former for the district of Codorus, and the latter for the district of Mount Pleasant and Straban, in the county of York.

Bernard Ziegler and David Beatty, Esquires, were also appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of York.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 19th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Jonathan Hoge,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of David Cloyd, Esquire, as late Treasurer of Chester county, for the first sinking fund tax and the additional supplies of 1781, was read and approved, and an order drawn for sixty-four pounds six shillings and three pence halfpenny, ballance due upon the said account.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Skinner, or order, the sum of two hundred pounds, being the second

payment (part of six hundred pounds) payable to him upon the execution of his contract of the twenty-second of November, 1786, with the Commonwealth, according to act of Assembly of the twenty-first day of September, 1785.

Upon the petition of Richard Newton, praying to be discharged from the payment of the penalty mentioned in his recognizance, which became forfeited to the State by the non-appearance of James Gibbs to answer to a charge of uttering a counterfeit certificate, number one,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, in consideration of his extreme poverty.

Upon the petition of Thomas Connaroe,

Ordered, That the Secretary request the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia to attend Council on Thursday next, at eleven o'clock.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 20th, 1787.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 21st, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
James McLane,		

The Wardens of the Port attended, agreeably to notice, and a conferrence being held upon the subject of Thomas Connaroe's petition for payment of a ballance due to him in specie, and stating that he hath sustained some loss in the execution of his contract for erecting piers at Marcus Hook, the Wardens were requested to make some inquiry relative to any losses or difficulties he has met with in the said business, and report them to Council, together with their sentiments thereon.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel George Gibson, Lieutenant of Cumberland county, for two hun-

dred and twenty-five pounds, being due to the widow of Captain Walter Denny, late of the Cumberland county militia, deceased, for her pension, agreeably to act of Assembly, dated in March, 1780.

Upon the petition of John Woods, an Indian interpreter, in behalf of the Choctaw King, his Queen, and a Chickesaw Captain, now in this city,

Ordered, That one hundred dollars be advanced to them by this State, to be charged to the United States.

Ordered, That the following presents be made to them by this State, vizt:

Fifteen dollars to the Choctaw King, a silver gorget, with the Pennsylvania Arms engraved upon it.

To the Chickesaw Chief, do. do.

To the Cherokee Chief, do. do.

To the interpreter, Mr. John Woods, one suit of cloathes.

To the Queen, one piece of callico, ribbons, &ca.

And that their reasonable expences during their stay in town, be paid by the Comptroller General, and by him charged to the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 22nd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie,	
James McLene,		

To-morrow was assigned for taking into consideration the return of a road lately surveyed and marked by Evan Owen, from the river Susquehannah, at the falls of the Nescopeck, to the Lehigh, at or near the Union saw-mill.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer vizt:

In favor of Nicholas Sweyer, for forty-eight pounds ten shillings, in full for his account for his own pay, and that of a number of waggons, called out under a resolution of Assembly, dated the twentyeth day of September, 1781, to transport military stores from Oley furnace, in Berks county, to Philadelphia, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of James Trimble, for thirty-seven pounds fifteen shillings, for writing and registering three hundred and two patents for donation lands, from the twenty-third of December, 1786, until the sixteenth of June, 1787, inclusively, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the petition of Daniel Hoffman, the younger, and Jacob Hoffman, in behalf of Daniel Hoffman, convicted of larceny, and now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the said city and county be directed not to proceed to execute the sentence of the court upon the said Daniel Hoffman, until further orders from Council.

Upon the petition of Richard Newton, praying to be discharged from the payment of the penalty mentioned in his recognizance, which became forfeited to the Commonwealth, by reason that a certain Thomas Smith did not appear at the last city court to answer to a charge of larceny,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

The following deeds were signed by the President, vizt:

To John Nicholson, Esquire, for a lot of ground, situate near South street between Front and Penn street, in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth on Front street twenty feet, and extending in breadth one hundred and thirty feet, to Penn street, late the estate of Andrew Elliott, (an attainted traitor,) during the term of his natural life: sold for the sum of twenty pounds ten shillings. Deed dated twenty-first instant.

To George Specht, for Barrack lot number 69, in the Northern Liberties: sold for one hundred and twenty pounds. Deed dated the same day.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 23rd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

Council resumed the consideration of the return and survey of the proposed road from the river Lehigh, at or near the Union saw-mills, to the river Susquehannah, at the falls of the Nescopeck, made by Evan Owen, as follows, vizt: Beginning, &ca. Whereupon, after full consideration, the Board were of opinion that the same ought to be confirmed, and the said road is accordingly adjudged to be forever hereafter a public road or highway, and that it be opened of the breadth of sixty feet at least, and be recorded in the Council Books as the act of Assembly directs.

Ordered, That Mr. Evan Owen be appointed to open the said Road according to the courses and distances set forth in the said

return, which are as follows, vizt:—Beginning at the falls of Nescopeck, near a marked Linn tree on the bank of the river Susquehannah, opposite the new ferry; thence south seventy-nine degrees, east four hundred and twenty-eight perches to a white oak tree, south twenty-three degrees, east sixty perches to a gum tree, south eighty-nine degrees, east sixteen perches to a white oak tree, north seventy degrees, east twenty-six perches to a post, south seventy-six degrees, east three hundred and ninety perches to a white oak tree, south eighty-five degrees, east four hundred and ten perches to a post, south sixty-six degrees, east one hundred perches to a pine tree, south seventy-nine degrees, east one hundred and forty-five perches to a pine tree, south seventy-one degrees, east one hundred and twenty perches to a post, south sixty-seven degrees, east six hundred and twenty-four perches to a pine tree, south forty degrees, east three hundred perches to a pine tree, south seventy-five degrees, east eighty perches to a white oak; thence across Nescopeck creek south forty-four degrees, east forty-eight perches to a pine tree, south sixty-five degrees, east one hundred and ninety-five perches to a pine tree, east seventy-four perches to a chestnut oak tree, south seventy degrees, east one hundred and twenty perches to a pine tree, south eighty-five degrees, east one hundred and four perches to John Balliet's, south forty-eight degrees, east three hundred and four perches to a post; thence across Little Nescopeck creek south thirty degrees, east fifty perches to a chesnut oak, south seventy degrees, east sixty perches to a post, south eighty-three degrees, east fifty perches to a chesnut tree, south forty-five degrees, west sixteen perches to a white oak, south twenty-three degrees, east three hundred and ninety-eight perches to a post; thence across Little Black creek south nineteen degrees, west seventy-two perches to a post at Bigg Black creek, south three hundred and eighty perches to a pine tree, south four degrees, east six hundred perches to a pine tree; thence across Beaver Pond creek south forty-nine degrees, east six hundred and ten perches to a post, north seventy-eight degrees, east one thousand and forty perches to a white oak tree, north seventy degrees, east twenty-six perches to a pine tree, north forty perches to a white oak tree, east four hundred perches to a pine tree; thence across Quakcake creek, south eighty-two degrees, east eighty perches to a chesnut oak tree, north seventy degrees, east one hundred and sixty perches to a pine tree, east one hundred and forty perches to a white oak tree, south twenty-five degrees, east one hundred and fifty perches to a pine tree, south forty degrees, east one hundred and forty perches to a pine tree, east sixty-six perches to a pine tree, south fifty degrees, east one hundred and eighty perches to a pine tree, south sixty-eight degrees, east seventy-two perches to a pine tree, south forty-one degrees, east one hundred and twenty-eight perches to a pine tree, south fifty-eight degrees, east sixty perches to a pine tree, south thirty-four degrees, east eighty perches to a post, south

forty-one degrees, east one hundred and sixty-eight perches to a post, south forty-nine degrees, east twenty-six perches to a post, south sixty-eight degrees, east fifty perches to a post, north fifty-five degrees, east fourteen perches to a post, north seventy-five degrees, east eighteen perches to a post, south thirty-three degrees, east twenty-six perches to a post, south thirty degrees, west twenty-eight perches to a post, south sixty degrees, east fourteen perches to a post, south forty five degrees, west eighteen perches to a post, south twenty-eight degrees, east twenty perches to a post, east eighteen perches to a post; thence to the river Lehigh, near the Union mills.

I do certify that the above are the true courses and distances of the road laid out from the Nescopeck falls of the Susquehannah, to the Union mills on the Lehigh, agreeable to an act of General Assembly past. Witness my hand this fifth day of June, 1787. His Excellency the President in Council.

EVAN OWEN.

Upon application of General Knox, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of fifty dollars, for purchasing a horse for the Cherokee Chief now in this city, to be charged to the United States.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 25th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Dean, Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Hoge, James McLene, Andrew Billmeyer and John Smilie, } Esq'rs.

On motion,

Council agreed to re-consider and rescind that part of their resolution of the twenty-first instant, which directs the payment of forty-five dollars as a present to the Choctaw King, the Chickesaw Captain and Cherokee Chief.

And it was

Ordered, That the said sum of forty-five dollars be paid to the Comptroller General, who is desired to purchase for the said Indians such articles as may be necessary to enable them to return to their respective homes.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Penn, Senior, Esquire, for one thousand five hundred pounds sterling, in part of the second and third annual payments directed by law to be paid to the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania.

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Chief Justice on the twenty fifth instant.

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and ending the eighteenth instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 26th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	} Esq'rs.
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
James McLene,	Jonathan Hoge,	

A letter from James Morris, Esquire, President of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Montgomery, certifying that the said Court approve of the forming of the townships of Upper and Lower Merion, and the townships of Cheltenham and Abington in two distinct districts, for the electing of Justices of the Peace, and requesting a confirmation of the same by Council, was read, and an order taken that the said two districts be confirmed accordingly, the one to be composed of the townships of Upper and Lower Merion, and the other of the townships of Cheltenham and Abington.

A letter from the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, on the subject of Thomas Connarroe's petition, stating their opinion that the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds in addition to the sum mentioned in his contract, will be but a very moderate compensation for the services rendered by him in erecting and compleating the peirs at Marcus Hook, and submitting the same to the consideration of Council, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the said Thomas Connarroe the said sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, in addition to the sum mentioned in his contract, to compensate him for some losses sustained in the execution of the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Mr. Evan Owen, for one hundred and thirty-five pounds, to enable him to open a road from the Lehigh, at or near the Union saw-mill to the river Susquehannah, at the falls of the Nescopeck, according to Act of Assembly dated the day of last.

In favor of Mrs. Jane Roseborough, for two hundred pounds, for her pension as the widow and relict of the Reverend John Roseborough, deceas'd, late Chaplain of Militia, according to act of Assembly of the twentieth of March, 1780, payable out of the militia fines.

In favor of Catharine Thompson, the widow and relict of William Thompson, Esquire, late Brigadier General, deceased, for the sum of three hundred and fifty-one pounds eleven shillings and three pence, for her pension, according to Act of Assembly of the first day of March, 1780.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 28th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, in part of his salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty and in the Admiralty Sessions for this State, according to resolution of Assembly dated the thirteenth day of March, 1782.

A certificate from Edward Shippen, Esquire, President of the Court of Common Pleas, that John Sparhawk hath entered sufficient security to prosecute with effect his appeal from the settlement of his account by the Comptroller General, was read and the said appeal allowed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 29th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Samuel Dean, James McLene, Peter Muhlenberg, John Smilie, and Jonathan Hoge, Andrew Billmeyer, } Esquires.

Upon application of Colonel Thomas Mifflin, an order was issued to Captain Stiles, to deliver sixty pounds of gunpowder for the use of the Artillery battalion in this city upon the Anniversary of Independence.

The petition and claim of the Earl of Shelburne, (by his Attorney, Timothy Hurst,) to sundry city lots and lands in right of an original purchase by Sir William Petty of William Penn, Esquire, the first proprietor of Pennsylvania, was read, and referred to the Attorney General.

Ordered, That the Comptroller General be requested to furnish a copy of John Sparhawk's account, in order that the same may be transmitted to the Supreme Court.

The memorial of sundry Pennsylvania claimants of land in Luzerne county, praying Council to direct the officers of the Land Office to receive no more locations of land in the counties of Northampton and Luzerne, untill the General Assembly shall meet and make order respecting them, was read, and an order taken that the same be laid before the General Assembly at their next meeting.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 30th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Samuel Dean, John Smilie, and Jonathan Hoge, Andrew Billmeyer, } Esquires. James McLene,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for thirty-two pounds eleven shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the 29th day of May until the third day of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 2d, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie, and	
James McLene,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James McLene, Esquire, for thirty-four pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill the fourth of this month, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, in full for twenty-five days' attendance in Council, in the month of June, 1787.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the sixth day of June until the second of July, 1787, inclusively.

In favor of Lewis Rue, for twelve pounds ten shillings, being the residue of one hundred pounds allowed him by the State, for repairing the bank of Mud Island, according to contract.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds three shillings and nine pence, in full for his wages as Door keeper to Council, for the month of June, 1787, and cash paid for repairing the key of the State House.

On application of Colonel William Will, Captain Stiles was directed to deliver fifty pounds of gunpowder for the use of his battalion of militia upon the Anniversary of Independence.

Council being informed that the debts for which Monsieur De Brassine was confined in prison are now discharged,

Ordered, That the Sheriff be directed to proceed to the immediate execution of the order of Council of the nineteenth of May last, for delivering the said De Brassine to the order of the Consul of France.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 3d, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Samuel Dean, James McLene,
Peter Muhlenberg, Andrew Billmeyer, and
Jonathan Hoge, John Smilie, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, in full for one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth day of June last.

In favor of John Armstrong, Jun'r, Esquire, for one hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, for which sum he is to be accountable.

In favor of Timothy Pickering, Daniel Hiester, Jun'r, and Stephen Balliett, Esquires, (Commissioners appointed to execute the act of Assembly for ascertaining and confirming to certain persons called Connecticut claimants, the lands by them claimed in the county of Luzerne,) or order, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, in part of their pay and for purchasing stationary, &ca., for which they are to account.

A certificate from Edward Burd, Esquire, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, that John Black, Caleb Newbold, Samuel Newbold and Sarah Newbold, executors of the testament and last will of Caleb Newbold, late of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, deceased, have entered sufficient security to prosecute with effect an appeal from the settlement of the account of said deceased by the Comptroller General, was read, and the said appeal allowed.

Upon the petition of divers officers of the seventh battalion of Philadelphia militia, complaining of some abuses at a late election of officers,

Ordered, That Colonel Henry be directed to hear the testimony that may be adduced touching the said abuses, and report the same to Council as soon as may be.

A draft of an advertisement of the sale of sundry tracts of land, late the estate of Andrew Allen, an attainted traitor, situate in Luzerne county, proposed to be held on the second day of August next, was laid before Council, and the sale allowed.

Ordered, That Matthias Hollenback be appointed an Agent to superintend the sale thereof.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 5th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, Andrew Billmeyer, & John Smilie, Robert Trail, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Sidney Paul, for the sum of thirty-six pounds nine shillings and one pence, it being the amount of her account of expences for the Cherokee Chief and Captain Dromgoole, Indian Interpreter, while in this State on public business with the United States, from the twelfth of June until the first of July last, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill, John Smilie, Andrew Billmeyer, Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, Robert Trail, } Esquires.

A letter from John White, Esquire, of the first instant, informing Council of his being appointed by the Honorable Treasury Board of the United States a Commissioner to settle the accounts of the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, with the United States, agreeably to an ordinance of Congress passed on the seventh day of May last, that he has taken the oath required, and is ready to enter on the business of his commissions, was read.

The Comptroller General's report on the account of William Alexander, late Paymaster of the militia of the county of York, was read, together with several papers accompanying the same; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the Comptroller General be directed to furnish Council with every information on the subject which the papers in his hands may enable him to give.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, July 7th, 1787.

PRESENT:

As yesterday,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James McLene, Esquire, commanding the Invalid corps, for the sum of sixteen pounds four shillings and nine pence, in full for his subsistance for the months of April, May and June, 1787, and for his house rent, commencing the twenty-second of March and ending the twenty-second of June, ulto., according to the Comptroller General's report.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for sixteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the first to the thirtieth of June last, inclusively.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for thirty-eight pounds eleven shillings, to reimburse him for the like sum he advanced in the purchase of presents made to the Choctaw, Checkisaw and Cherokee nations of Indians, by this Commonwealth, and for a suit of cloathes presented to Mr. John Woods, Indian Interpreter, the same having been ordered by this Board.

In favor John Nicholson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary, due to his Clerk, according to the Comptroller General's report and act of Assembly.

In favor of Robert Smith, for the sum of three fifteen shillings, for the amount of his account for newspapers furnished Council, from February the sixth to August the sixth, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Joseph B. M'Kean, for the sum of ten pounds and two pence, being the expences of the Judges, Attorney General and Prothonotary, and their servants, chargeable to the State on their circuit to the counties of Berks, Northampton and Bucks, ending the twenty-sixth day of May.

The fines imposed on James Lovely, upon being convicted of larceny in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 9th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable Mr. John Smilie, Andrew Billmeyer, Peter Muhlenberg, Robert Trail, and Samuel Dean, Henry Hill, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Israel Israel, for the sum of forty-two pounds four shillings and four pence, being the amount of his account for expences for the Choctaw King and his Queen, and the Cherokee Chief, together with their interpretor while in town, from the eighteenth of June till the fifth of July, they being on a journey to Congress upon business of the United States.

In favor of Samuel Hodgeton and company of Military Stores, for the sum of seventy-five pounds five shillings, the same to include one hundred dollars, by order of this Board of the twenty-seventh ulto., directed to be advanced for bearing the expences of the Indians on their return home, and also to enable him to discharge sundry expences for cloathing, waggons, hire, &ca., the same to be charged to the United States.

In favor of General Henry Knox, for the sum of eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, to enable him to purchase a horse for the Cherokee Chief, now in this city, to be charged to the United States.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Henry Hill, Andrew Billmeyer, Samuel Dean, John Smilie, and Peter Muhlenberg, Robert Trail, } Esquires.

The fine imposed upon William Rickett, a mulattoe man, upon conviction of fornication and bastardy in the county of Chester, was remitted.

The fine imposed upon Elizabeth Wilhelm, upon conviction of adultery and bastardy in the county of Northampton, was remitted upon her petition and recommendation from the Court.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Davis, and a recommendation from divers citizens,

Ordered, That he be appointed and commissioned a Notary and Tabellion Public, in for this Commonwealth.

A letter from Colonel William Henry, containing his report of the evidence taken concerning a disputed election of a Major of the seventh battalion of militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, was read, by which it appears that the same was held contrary to law; therefore,

Ordered, That the said election, so far as it respects the Major, be and hereby is set aside and made void.

Ordered, That Colo. William Henry be directed to hold a new election for a Major in the seventh battalion of militia, in the city and liberties of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 11th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Robert Trail, and	
John Smilie,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The Council having taken into consideration the memorial of Benjamin Davis of the fourteenth of December, 1781, stating his right to a city lot in right of William Cecil or Scissel, an original purchaser under William Penn, the first proprietor of Pennsylvania, situate on the south side of Walnut street, in the square between third and fourth streets from Schuylkill, containing in breadth on Walnut street, ninety-nine feet, and in length or depth on Schuylkill Third street aforesaid, two hundred and sixty feet, bounded northward by Walnut street aforesaid; eastward by ground vacant at the time of his purchase; southward by vacant ground in like manner; and westward by Third street aforesaid, which lot is distinguished in a plan of the city of Philadelphia, by the name of William Cecil, No. 60, and representing that the same hath been laid off and sold by the State, in the year 1781, and having also considered the report of the Surveyor General, by which it appears that the said lot hath been sold by the State as set fourth by the said claimant, together with the report of the Attorney General on the title of the said Davis, to the lot aforesaid.

Resolved, That Council are of opinion that his claim is well founded to a part of said city lot, and that he was at the time the same was sold by the Commonwealth, invested with the rights of two-fifth parts thereof.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 12th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable Henry Hill,	Robert Trail,
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie, and
Andrew Billmeyer,	John Whitehill, (now returned.)

A memorial from Mr. Charles Simms, stating that in the year 1775, he purchased of Alexander Ross, two tracts of land situate on the river Ohio and Raccoon creek, and gave his bonds for the amount of the purchase money, payable to the said Alexander Ross at a future day, that the Agents for the sale of Confiscated Property in Westmoreland county are now possessed of the said bonds, and have proceeded against him for the recovery of the money due thereon, as being forfeited to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by reason of said Ross's attainder of high treason, that he conceives the said proceedings to be irregular, and praying the interposition of Council that the proceedings aforesaid, may be stayed, was read, and an order taken that the said memorial be referred to the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General, for their opinion on the case.

The petition of Richard Wells, and John Clifford, praying remission of that part of the forfeiture of the ship Anna, which belongs to the Commonwealth, was read, and the question being put, "shall the prayer of the said petition be granted?" it was determined in the negative, upon which the yeas and nays were called, and were as follows, vizt:

YEAS:	NAYS:
Mr. Muhlenberg,	Mr. Smilie,
Mr. Hill, and	Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Dean.	Mr. Billmeyer, and
	Mr. Traill.

The fine imposed upon Robert Hamilton, upon conviction of larceny, in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, Robert Traill, Samuel Dean, Andrew Billmeyer, and John Smilie, Peter Muhlenberg, John Whitehill, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 14th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Robert Traill, Samuel Dean, John Whitehill, Andrew Billmeyer, and John Smilie, Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, } Esquires.

A licence to travel with and sell goods throughout this Commonwealth, was granted to John Sheridan, upon his petition, read yesterday.

Note.—The fees due to the State on this licence was given up by order of Council, in consideration of the poverty of the applicant.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, being a quarter's salary, due to him (on this day,) as Comptroller General.

In favor of the Honorable William A. Attlee, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being a quarter's salary, due to him on the twenty-fifth of June, ulto., as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 16th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Robert Traill, Samuel Dean, John Whitehill, Andrew Billmeyer, and John Smilie, Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 17th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Robert Trail, Samuel Dean, John Whitehill, Andrew Billmeyer, and John Smilie, Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, } Esquires.

An order was drawn in favor of William Scott, Esquire, for the sum of ten pounds twelve shillings, being the costs of suit in consequence of an appeal against the Comptroller General's settlement of his account as Paymaster of the militia of the county of York, to the Supreme Court, agreeably to a certificate of the Prothonotary of the said Court.

William Scott, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of York, was admitted to a hearing before the Board, under a complaint of William Alexander, Esq'r, Sub-Lieutenant of the county aforesaid, charging the said William Scott, with keeping back from the Comptroller General sundry papers, vouchers of his, (Alexander's) accounts, and placing them to his own, (Scott's) credit. Determination postponed.

Resolved, That the act of this Board appointing Joseph Work, Alexander Lowry, and Jacob Cook, Esquires, agents for the sale of a tract of land, the property of William Hay, late a Collector of Excise for the county of Lancaster, be rescinded, and that the Comptroller General be instructed to proceed in the case as circumstances and the laws will warrant.

The Attorney General made report upon the Memorial of Charles Simms, referred to him by resolution of Council of the twelfth instant.

An order was drawn in favor of Griffith Evans, for the sum of four pounds, in full of his account for writing thirty-two patents

for donation lands, according to the Comptroller General's report of the fifth instant.

Upon motion,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the State be directed to cease any further issue of orders upon the Collector of the Customs, Treasurer of Counties, or other officers of revenue, until he be otherwise instructed by the Legislature or by this Board.

Ordered, That the several officers of revenue in the appointment of Council, be directed to proceed according to law for the immediate recovery of all monies due to the State.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 18th, 1786.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Robert Traill, Samuel Dean, John Whitehill, Andrew Billmeyer, and John Smilie, Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, } Esq'rs.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 19th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Robert Traill, Samuel Dean, John Whitehill, Andrew Billmeyer, and John Smilie, Henry Hill, Peter Muhlenberg, } Esquires.

The resignation of Daniel Hiester, Jun'r, Esquire, a commissioner for adjusting the claims of the Connecticut settlers, within the county of Luzerne, was read, and excepted.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts, were read and approved, vizt:

Of Richard McCallister, Esquire, late Lieutenant of York county.

Of James Byrne.

Of Casper Geyer, Esquire, late Sub-Lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia.

Of Thomas Bull, Captain of the sixth Pennsylvania regiment, for recruiting.

Of Robinson, Captain of the Berks county militia.

Of Jacob Bishop, late a Commissioner for procuring flour for the French fleet, under act of Assembly of October, 1779.

Of Thomas Proctor, Esquire, late Sheriff of Philadelphia, with William Crispin.

Of William Moore, Esquire, late Vice President and President of the Supreme Executive Council.

Of William Will and Robert Smith, Esquires, Agents of Forfeited Estates for the city of Philadelphia, from 1781 to 1784.

Of William Will, Robert Smith, and Charles Willson Peale, Esquires, Agents of Forfeited Estates for the city of Philadelphia, from 1778 untill 1781.

It was moved by General Muhlenberg, that,

WHEREAS, Council by their act of the fourth of May, 1787, did direct that the money arising from the sale of one hundred barrels of flour, forfeited to the State by John Rheiner, be remitted.

"*And whereas*, The intention of this act has been hitherto suspended by reason of the Attorney General's having paid the money arising from the said forfeiture into the public Treasury, after passing the said act;" therefore,

Resolved, That to give immediate effect to the act aforesaid, the Treasurer be directed to repay to John Rheiner, or order, the sum of one hundred and seventy-two pounds seven shillings and six pence, being the amount of the money remitted.

The consideration of the preceeding motion was made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The fines due to the State from Catharine Looseham, James Dixon, and Henry Edwards, were remitted.

The petitions of John McCrum, John Lewis, Thomas Wigley, and John Edgworth, were read and rejected.

The Comptroller General reported a plan of city lotts situate in and near South street, and other lotts, as aforesaid, on Eighth street from Delaware at the corner of Race street.

Ordered, That the lotts aforesaid be offered for public sale on Saturday, the fourth day of August, 1787.

The petition of John Collins, a prisoner (in the jail of this city and county) under sentence of death, praying the pardon of Council, was read, and an order taken that the prayer of his petition be granted on condition of his removing himself out of the United States within the space of thirty days.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account between John McPherson and the State, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 20th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Robert Traill,	Samuel Dean,	
John Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
John Smilie,	Henry Hill,	

The consideration of General Muhlenberg's motion of yesterday was resumed, and the votes being taken, it appears that the yeas and nays being equal, the question was lost.

The petition of Philip Dunn, praying a remission of a fine of one hundred dollars, imposed upon him on a conviction of forgery, was read,

Ordered, That a bond be taken for the payment at a future day of the one hundred dollars aforesaid.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 21st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Jonathan Hoge,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Robert Traill,	Samuel Dean,	
John Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer, &	
John Smilie,	Henry Hill,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 23rd, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge,	Henry Hill,	Esquires.
Robert Traill,	Samuel Dean,	
John Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie,	

A return of Justices of the Peace for the district of Bethlehem, in Northampton county, was read, with a remonstrance against it; on which it was

Ordered, That the facts stated in the remonstrance aforesaid be investigated, and report thereof made to this Board by Robert Levers, Peter Kichlein, and Lewis Starhers, Esquires.

The Honorable Mr. Bryan was requested to attend Council tomorrow at eleven o'clock, to confer with Council on the subject of Messrs. Dyer and Wright's petitions.

The Attorney General was instructed to sustain a suit in the case of John Rheiner.

William Montgomery, Esquire, was appointed a Commissioner for adjusting the claims of the Connecticut settlers, in the room of Daniel Hiester, Esquire, resigned.

John McNair, Jun'r, Esquire, was appointed Agent for property confiscated within the county of Northampton. An order was taken that Mr. McNair proceed under the foregoing appointment to the sale of sundry confiscated estates enumerated by the Comptroller General, in a paper of this date, presented by him.

A return of monies due to the Loan Office was presented and read.

The Comptroller General's report upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of William Mitchell, Esquire, Agent for the sale of confiscated estates in York county.

Of William Scott, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of York, from the twenty-sixth day of September, 1786, to the nineteenth day of January, 1787.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 24th, 1787.

PRESENT:

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Samuel Dean,	Robert Traill, and	
John Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 25th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Robert Traill, and	
John Whitehill,	Andrew Billmeyer,	

The consideration of the petition of Thomas Wright, praying remission of a fine imposed upon him for an assault and battery upon Joseph Thomas, was postponed until to-morrow.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Of William Alexander, Esquire, Paymaster of York county militia from the year 1781, until January the ninth, 1787, and from the said ninth day of January until the 13th of April, following.

Of Michael Lindermuth, a Commissioner appointed per act of Assembly dated October, 1779, for Berks county, to purchase flour for the French Fleet.

Of Samuel Rhea, Esquire, late Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, from April, 1780, untill May, 1781.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 26th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Whitehill,	
Andrew Billmeyer,	Robert Traill, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Henry Hill,	

Three orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the guardian of Catherine Reinick, a minor daughter of Doctor Christian Reinick, deceased, each for the sum of twenty-two pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, being due to her for nine months pension, ending on the twenty-first of June, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated the first day of March, 1780.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for eighteen pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esq'rs.
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	
Andrew Billmeyer,	John Smilie,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Robert Traill,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer for three pounds & eight pence, in favor of John Jordan, an East Indian, being an allowance made him by Council under resolution of Assembly of the seventh day of November, 1785.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of John Armstrong, Jun'r, Esquire, for his service as a Commissioner to the late Commercial Convention, and for his pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, was read and approved, and an order for thirty pounds five shillings ballance due thereon.

A letter from the Secretary at War, advising that the Choctaw and Chickesaw Indians, late at this city, are now detained at Lancaster by the sickness of Mr. Woods, their Conductor; that from this cause the monies furnished them will be insufficient to transport them to Fort Pitt; that Congress have directed that their expences be allow'd; and requesting that the Supreme Executive Council would be pleased to direct for them a further supply of money, was read, and an order taken that the Comptroller General be instructed to make such further allowance of money for transporting them to Fort Pitt as he may find necessary, charging it to the United States.

Tuesday next was assigned for taking up the memorial of Charles Simms, Esquire.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Armstrong, Jun'r, Esquire, for one hundred and seven pounds fourteen shillings and four pence, in part of his salary as Secretary to Council, for which sum he is to account.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 28th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Henry Hill, John Smilie, Samuel Dean, Andrew Billmeyer, Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Hoge, and Robert Traill, William Maclay, } Esq'rs.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 30th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Robert Traill, Samuel Dean, John Smilie, and Andrew Billmeyer, William Maclay, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the tenth of August next, as Vice President of the State.

In favor of Robert Aitken, for one hundred and sixty-two pounds four shillings and eleven pence, in full for his account for printing public accounts, &ca., according to the Comptroller General's report, dated this day.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 31st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Henry Hill, Andrew Billmeyer, Samuel Dean, Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg, William Maclay, John Whitehill, John Smilie, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Auguat 1st, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Maclay, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
John Smilie,		

Upon the petition of Mathias Slough, an order was taken that the fine imposed upon his negro slave Isaac, upon being convicted of larceny, at the February sessions of 1784, in the county of Lancaster, be remitted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill the last day of July, 1787, inclusively.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings and nine pence, in full for his attendance as Doorkeeper to Council in the month of July, 1787.

Michael Moore was appointed a Commissioner for mending and repairing the road from Hamburg, in Berks county, to the county line of Northumberland, by the Saw-mill of Conrad Minick.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 2nd, 1787.

PRESENT:

Honorable Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Smilie,	Robert Traill,	
John Whitehill,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 3d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Andrew Billmeyer,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Robert Traill,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	

Upon motion,

Ordered, That David Rittenhouse, Esquire, be directed to proceed according to law, for the immediate recovery of the principal and interest due to the State for moneys loaned by the Trustees of the late General Loan office of the Province of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That Sharp Delany, Esquire, be directed to send to Council on Monday next, an account of all the monies due to the State in his office, together with a list of the bonds that are not yet due.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 4th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Robert Traill, and	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	
Henry Hill,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Robert Traill,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	
Henry Hill,		

Mr. Whitehill attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

Sharp Delany, Esquire, made report of the debts due in his office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 7th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie,	
Robert Traill,	William Maclay, and	
Andrew Billmeyer,	Henry Hill,	

The Comptroller General reported a plan of forty-two city lots, situate on the south side of Lombard street, and between Fifth and Ninth streets from Delaware river; upon which it was

Ordered, That the lots aforesaid be offered for public sale on the twenty-fifth of the present month.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Michael Moser, for the sum of two hundred pounds, payable out of the money arising from the sale of a quantity of flour, forfeited by John Rheiner to the use of the State, to be applied in mending and repairing the road from Hamburg, on Schuylkill, to Northumpberland county line, by Conrad Minick's saw-mill, according to the act of Assembly, passed the twenty-ninth of March, 1787.

The fine imposed upon James Bray, upon conviction of an assault and battery in the county of Philadelphia, was remitted.

Upon the petition of Joshua Anderson, stating his appeal from the settlements of his accounts by the Comptroller General as late Sub-Lieutenant of Bucks county, and praying Council to allow the same, on his giving security as the law directs: an order was taken that the prayer of the said petition be granted, the petitioner entering security according to law.

A petition from John Lewis, convicted of burglary at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer for the county of Philadelphia, and sentenced to four years' hard labor, was read; and

Ordered, That the same be rejected.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 8th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Samuel Dean, Jonathan Hoge, Peter Muhlenberg, John Smilie, Robert Traill, William Maclay, and Andrew Billmeyer, Henry Hill, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 9th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, John Smilie, Samuel Dean, John Whitehill, Robert Traill, William Maclay, and Peter Muhlenberg, Andrew Billmeyer, Jonathan Hoge, } Esquires.

Upon the petition of Charles Young, Esquire, (praying) Council to appoint him a Notary and Tabellion Public for this Commonwealth, and a recommendation from a number of respectable citizens, an order was taken that the prayer of the said petition be granted, and he was commissionated accordingly.

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Thomas Wright, praying remission of a fine of fifty pounds, imposed upon him for an assault and battery upon Joseph Thomas, of Bucks county; and thereupon, a motion was made to remit him to thirty-five pounds, part thereof, and determined in the affirmative: upon which the yeas and nays where called, and were as follows, vizt:

NAYS.	YEAS.
Mr. President,	Mr. Vice President,
Mr. Hoge,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Smilie,	Mr. Muhlenberg,
Mr. Whitehill.	Mr. Billmeyer,
	Mr. Traill,
	Mr. Maclay.

A deed for lot No. 1 of the Barrack gound, to John Leibert, was signed by the Honorable the Vice President, dated the thirty-first of July, 1787, for the consideration of on hundred and sixty pounds.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, for eighteen pounds, for his services as one of the Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals, and his expences attending the said court, according to the Comptroller General's report of the seventh instant.

Jonathan Penrose and John Praul, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Common Pleas, the former for the county of Philadelphia, and the latter for the county of Bucks.

Council took into consideration the transcript of the record of the conviction of Thomas Wright and Thomas Dyer, for an assault and battery upon Joseph Thomas, of Bucks county; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said record be transmitted to the General Assembly at their next meeting.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Hoge, John Whitehill, Andrew Billmeyer, John Smilie, and William Brown, (now returned,) } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 11th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Jonathan Hoge, John Smilie, John Whitehill, Andrew Billmeyer, Robert Traill, and William Brown, } Esquires.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to request the Honorable George Bryan to attend Council on Tuesday next, upon public business.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council in the month of July, 1787.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Robert Traill, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown,	
John Smilie,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Clement Biddle, Esquire, for seventy-eight pounds fifteen shillings and six pence three-fardings, in full of his account for rations furnished the Invalid corps, from May the first to July the thirty-first, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 14th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Robert Traill,	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown,	
John Smilie,		

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 15th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Robert Traill, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown,	
John Smilie,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 16th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
John Smilie,	William Brown,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for fifteen pounds fifteen shillings, for his attendence in Council from the twenty-seventh of July to this day, inclusively.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 17th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick, (now re-	
John Smilie,	turned) and	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday 18th, 1787, August.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Robert Traill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Maclay,	
Jonathan Hoge,	James McLene, (now	
John Smilie,	returned,) and	
Andrew Billmeyer,	David Redick,	

The fine of ten pounds imposed upon Ruth Grenaugh, convicted of fornication and bastardy in the county of Washington, was remitted, upon her petition and a recommendation in her favor.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 20th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Robert Traill,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Jonathan Hoge,	
James McLene,	David Redick, and	
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 21st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Robert Traill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie,	
James McLene,	William Maclay,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
David Redick,	William Brown,	

Upon the petition of Richard Somers and a recommendation in his favor, from a number of respectable citizens,

Ordered, That the fine imposed upon him by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia, for having beaten his servant maid, be remitted.

The fine imposed upon Peter Zeller, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Northampton county, upon his being convicted of fornication and bastardy, was also remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 22nd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	James McLene,	
Jonathan Hoge,	David Redick,	
Andrew Billmeyer,	John Smilie, and	
Robert Traill,	William Brown,	

A petition from Mary Ahanger, praying some relief in consideration of her husband's services as a soldier in the late Pennsylvania line, was read and referred to the Comptroller General, who was directed to enquire whether the petitioner is entitled to any allowance from the State, and report to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 23rd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	William Brown, and	
Robert Traill,	James McLene,	

The Secretary was directed to request the Honorable the Chief Justice and Judge Bryan, to meet Council to-morrow at eleven o'clock, to confer with them upon the subject of two petitions from Andrew Hoak and Godfrey King, praying remission of the fines imposed upon them, upon being convicted of a riot in York county; and one other petition from John M'Cammon, purchaser of a tract of land in Bucks county, supposed to have been the estate of Peter Perlee, an attainted traytor, but which upon a trial at law, is found to be the property of Abel James and John Thompson.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 24th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Andrew Billmeyer,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Brown,	
Jonathan Hoge,	James M'Lene,	
John Whitehill,	William Maclay,	
David Redick,	Robert Traill,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Robert Traill, for forty-two pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of Captain William Price, for sixty-three pounds twelve shillings and ten pence, payable out of the money arising from militia fines in Chester county, the same being due to Captain Jacob Rudolph's company of Chester county militia, for their services in the year 1777, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Comptroller General's report upon an account of the Commonwealth, against Edward Bartholomew, for a forfeited debt late of Abraham Pastorius, attainted of high treason, was read and approved.

The petition of Edward Pickering, convicted of larceny, praying remission of his punishment, was read and rejected.

A petition from Benjamin Pittfield, stating that in the year 1784, he moved with his family from Philadelphia to Trenton, taking with him certain goods which had been imported into this State, and upon which the State duties were paid; that on his return to this State, in April last, he brought some of the same goods with him, and is now informed by the Collector that he is chargeable with the duties upon the goods so brought back, and praying Council to grant him some relief, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council cannot grant the relief prayed for, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, if he shall think proper.

The Honorable the Vice President and Mr. Smilie attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 25th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Andrew Billmeyer,	
Jonathan Hoge,	David Redick, and	
John Whitehill,	William Brown,	
James McLene,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, for six pounds, for the travelling charges of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and his servant, in coming to and returning from a Supreme Court commencing at Philadelphia the second of July, 1787.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Samuel Dean,	William Prown,	Esquires.
James McLene,	David Redick,	
William Maclay,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Whitehill,	John Smiiie,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thuesday, 28th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Andrew Billmeyer,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	David Redick,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	James McLene,	
William Brown,	John Smilie, and	
John Whitehill,	William Maclay,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The petition of John Edgsworth, convictod of larceny, and sentenced to hard labour, praying a pardon of his offence, was read and rejected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesay, August 29th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
Andrew Billmeyer,	James McLene,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie,	
William Brown,	William Maclay,	
John Whitehill,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Andrew Billmeyer, for sixty pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the sixteenth of June until the twenty-ninth of August, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this Board that there are many of the line of this State intitled to land that have not yet appeared by themselves or sent orders to draw for their lots; and by resolve of this board of the thirty-first of August, 1786, they will be precluded unless the time be prolonged so as to include one year from the commencement of drawing; therefore,

Resolved, That the lottery continue open for applicants until the first day of October next, and this resolution be published, so that all concerned may have notice thereof.

A petition from Theophilus Gardner, stating that he became bound in the sum of forty pounds to the Commonwealth for the appearance of his son at June court last, to answer to an indictment for larceny; that his recognizance is forfeited by reason that his son did not appear in due time; and that he is unable to pay the said debt to the Commonwealth; therefore praying Council to remit the same, was read, and an order taken that the prayer of the said petition be granted.

Upon the petition of Andrew Hoke, praying remission of a fine imposed upon him upon conviction of a riot in the county of York, and a recommendation from the Justices of the Peace of the said county, an order was taken that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Upon a like petition and recommendation in favor of Godfrey King, who was fined fifty pounds upon being convicted of the like offence in the county aforesaid, an order was taken that the sum of forty-five pounds, in part of the said fine of fifty pounds, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 30th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Whitehill,	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Maclay, and	
William Brown,	Nathan Dennison,	

On motion,

Ordered, That Zebulun Butler, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Lieutenant of the county of Luzerne.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 31st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	James McLene,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Whitehill,	
William Brown,	Nathan Dennison,	
David Redick,	John Baird,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, for twenty-one pounds; and in favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full for their attendance in Council in the month of August, 1787.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his wages as Door-keeper to Council from the first until the thirty-first of August, 1787, inclusively.

On motion,

Ordered, That the office of Collector of Excise for the county of York, be and hereby is declared to be vacant, and that the commission granted to John McClellan, as Collector of Excise for the said county be now revoked.

Ordered, That John Forsythe, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Collector of Excise in and for the said county of York, in the room and stead of the said John McClellan.

A petition from divers inhabitants of Northampton county, who are seated upon a tract of six thousand five hundred acres of land, lying on the east side of the West Branch of Delaware river, commonly called or known by the name of the Indian Land, stating that the late Proprietaries claim the said tract as part of their private estate, and praying that the Attorney General may be directed to take measures for ascertaining whether the said lands belong to the Commonwealth or to the late Proprietaries, was read and the prayer of the said petition granted.

Upon the application of Samuel Meredith, Esquire, praying Council to postpone the sale of the lands advertized as the estate late of Andrew Allen, the question was put to postpone the sale of the said lands, and determined in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to request the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court to meet Council in their chamber, on public business, to-morrow at half past nine o'clock in the morning.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 1st, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	James McLene, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Nathan Dennison,	
William Brown,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Wardens of the port of Philadelphia, for the sum of nine hundred and twenty pounds, to be applied toward the further improvement of the navigation in the bay and river Delaware, payable out of the duties arising from tonnage.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel William Henry, for two hundred and twenty pounds, payable out of the militia fines of the city and county of Philadelphia, for defraying the expence of exercising the militia of the said city and county in the year 1787.

The Honorable the Chief Justice and Judge Bryan attended Council, and a conferrence was held upon the subject of some fresh disturbances in the county of Luzerne.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 3d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie,	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Maclay,	
Nathan Dennison,	John Baird,	

Mr. Maclay attended the Honorable the Vice President as a Member of the Board of property.

On motion,

Ordered, Thomas Stockley, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Washington.

A letter from William Long, praying leave to resign his office of Collector of Excise in the county of Franklin, was read, and the said resignation excepted.

The petition of John McCammon, which was read on the twenty-third of August last, was read the second time, and an order taken that the same be referred to the Attorney General to take order thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thuesday, September 4th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie,	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Maclay,	
Nathan Dennison,		

The Comptroller General's report of August the twenty-fifth, 1787, upon the account of Samuel Miles, Esquire, late Colonel of the Pennsylvania rifle battalion, was read, and approved.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Brown, for twenty pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 5th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	William Maclay,	
Nathan Dennisen,		

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of James B. Smith, for his services as Clerk to Council, from the fifth of July to the twenty-ninth of August, amounting to thirty pounds eleven shillings, was read and approved.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Jeremiah Fisher, guardian of the children of William Shippen, deceased, for one hundred pounds, in part of the pension due to them, according to the Comptroller General's report and an act of Assembly dated the first day of March, 1780.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	William Maclay, and	
Nathan Dennison,	John Baird,	

Upon the petition of John Bell, of Chester county, and a recommendation, an order was taken that the fine imposed upon his Negro slave Sam, upon his being convicted of horse stealing in the said county, be remitted.

Messrs. Foulke and Antes, a committee from the General Assembly, attended and informed Council that the House was now met, and were ready to receive any business which Council may have to lay before them.

The committee were informed that a messuage was prepared which when finished should be laid before the Honorable House, accompanyed by a number of papers received during the recess of the House.

The following draft of the message from the Vice President and Council to the General Assembly, was read and approved, vizt:

A Message from the Vice President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN :—The Secretary will lay before you a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the third of July, inclosing extracts of sundry letters transmitted by the Honorable Mr. Adams; two letters from Charles Thomson, Esquire, of the second and twenty-first of July, inclosing some returns of the state of representation in Congress; an ordinance of Congress respecting public accounts which remain unliquidated, and a copy of the treaty of peace with the Emperor of Morocco; a report of the Board of Treasury of the United States; sundry resolutions of Congress—one of them recommending the repeal of all legislative acts repugnant to the treaty of peace with Great Britain, one other relating to pensions due to officers in the late army, and a third allowing further time for exhibiting claims against the United States; a transcript of the record of the conviction of Thomas Dyer, a Justice of the Peace in Bucks county, for an assault and battery upon Joseph Thomas, of the said county; a memorial from divers claimants of land in the county of Luzerne; and a petition from Anne Downy.

In a message from this Board to your honorable House in November last, we recommended the sale of the reserved tract opposite to Pittsburgh. A bill for this purpose has been published for consideration, and ordered to be engrossed. We are of opinion it will be of advantage to the State if this bill be enacted into a law during this session.

CHARLES BIDDLE, President.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, September 6th, 1787.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneyder, for forty pounds, for the purpose of purchasing firewood for the use of Council and for the Secretary's office, for which sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 7th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Baird,	
John Smilie,	Jonathan Hoge, and	
John Whitehill,	James McLene,	
David Redick,		

The resignation of James Benezet, Esquire, of his office of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas in the county of Bucks, was read and excepted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for fifteen pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill the seventh of September, 1787, inclusively.

Wednesday next was assigned for going into the consideration of Samuel Benezet's petition for the office of Prothonotary of Bucks county.

Michael Ruch, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the township of Franklin, in the county of Westmoreland, upon a return made according to law.

Mr. Ruch was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county.

The bonds and judgment signed and executed by Whitehead Humphreys and Colonel Thomas Proctor, for securing the payment of three hundred pounds, which was loaned by the Commonwealth to said Humphreys, to enable him to prosecute his business of manufacturing steel, were read, and referred to the Comptroller General to take order thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 8th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,
Henry Hill,	David Redick,
William Maclay,	Nathan Dennison,
Jonathan Hoge,	James McLene,
John Smilie,	John Whitehill, and
William Brown,	Peter Muhlenberg.

The Vice President and Mr. Maclay attended the Board of Property.

Certificates of the division of the townships of Cumberland Valley, Bethel, and Brothers' Valley, in the county of Bedford, each into two distinct districts for the election of Justices of the Peace, and of the division of the township of Frankstown, in said county, into three distinct districts for the same purpose, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, were read, and on consideration, the said division was confirmed.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

And as yesterday.

The Vice President and Mr. Maclay attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thuesday, September 11th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Brown,	
John Smilie,	David Redick,	
James Maclay,	John Baird,	
Nathan Dennisen,	John Whitehill,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Henry Hill,	

The proceedings of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace on the twenty-eighth of February, 1786, in erecting the township of Cattawissa, in Northumberland county into a district for electing Justices of the Peace, were read and confirmed.

The return of the district of Lycaming, as divided off by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in Northumberland county, for the election of one or more Justices of the Peace, was read and rejected.

Alexander Mitchell and Matthew Jack, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Westmoreland, the former for the district of Rostraver, and the latter for the district of Salem.

The Vice President and Mr. Maclay attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 12th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Whitehill,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
James McLene,	William Maclay,	
William Brown,		

Agreeably to the minutes of the seventh instant, Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Samuel Benezet, Esquire, praying to be appointed Prothonotary of the Court of Common

Pleas for the county of Bucks, in the room of James Benezet, Esquire, resigned; and thereupon, an order was taken that the prayer of his petition be granted, and he was commissionated accordingly.

On motion,

Robert McKnight, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Philadelphia.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of the Commonwealth against Moses Peter Dernier and John Moyes, for a debt due by them to Alexander Bartram, an attainted traitor, was read and approved.

The Vice President and Mr. Maclay attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Baird, and	
William Brown,	John Whitehill,	
Nathan Dennisen,		

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of the Commonwealth against William Will, Esquire, late Sheriff of the county of Philadelphia, for one moiety due to the State of the nett proceeds of the sales of sundry goods forfeited under the navigation act, was read and approved.

A return of Burgesses elected for the borough of Bristol, in the county of Bucks, was presented to Council and read, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected:—Doctor Amos Gregg, Chief Burgess; and Thomas Pearson, Gentleman, Second Burgess.

Doctor Amos Gregg attended, and took the oaths of allegiance and of office required by the Constitution, to qualify for the execution of his office of Chief Burgess.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 14th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie,	
Jonathan Hoge,	David Redick,	
John Whitehill,	John Baird, and	
William Brown,	James McLene,	
Nathan Dennison,		

Monday next was assigned for going into the consideration of the return of the proposed road through the western counties of the State to Pittsburgh, together with the several petitions against it; and the Secretary was directed to request the members of the General Assembly from the counties of Bedford, Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette, to meet Council on that day, to give them some information upon the subject.

Upon an application from the Wardens of the city of Philadelphia, an order was taken that the lots of ground, situate between Tenth and Twelfth streets on the south side of Lombard street, and bounded southward by ground of Baron Hurst and Company, be appropriated as a burial ground for the interment of strangers and others, who may not have been in communion with a religious society at the time of their decease, according to the directions of an act of General Assembly dated the eighth day of April, 1786, intitled "An Act for directing the sale of such of the city lots as remain the property of the State, and for disposing of the house and lots in High street, late the estate of Joseph Galloway, and forfeited to this Commonwealth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 15th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick,	
Nathan Dennisen,	John Baird,	
Jonathan Hoge,	James McLene, and	
John Whitehill,	John Smilie,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Bingham, Esquire, for thirty-eight pounds eleven shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress from the fourteenth until the twenty-eighth day of July, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 17th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	James McLene, and	
John Whitehill,	William Maclay,	
Nathan Dennison.		

The members of the General Assembly from the counties of Bedford, Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette, attended in the Council Chamber, agreeably to request of Council of the fourteenth instant, and a Conference was held upon the subject of the purposed road from Miller's spring into Cumberland county, to Fort Pitt.

The fine due to the State imposed upon Solomon Hayes, upon conviction of larceny at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, held the twenty-eighth of August last, in Chester county, was remitted, upon his petition and a recommendation in his favor.

A license, granted to George Kinnear on the eleventh of March, 1786, to travel with one horse for the purpose of selling merchan-

dize, was this day laid before Council; and, upon examination, it appeared that the date was altered from the year 1786 to 1787, with an intention to defraud the State; whereupon an order was taken that the said license be transmitted to the Attorney General, and that he be directed to prosecute the said George Kinnear for the offence, in such manner as the law directs.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 18th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	David Redick,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Brown,	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Beard,	
James McLene,	John Whitehill,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Elizabeth Patterson, widow of William Patterson, deceased, late of Lancaster county militia, for sixty pounds, payable out of the militia fines of Lancaster county, being one year's pension, ending the twentieth of April last, according to the Comptroller General's report, and and an act of Assembly dated the twentieth day of March, 1780.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 19th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Brown,	
Jonathan Hoge,	David Redick,	
John Smilie,	William Maclay, and	
John Whitehill,	James McLene,	
Nathan Dennisen,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennisen, for twenty-two pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 20th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick,	
John Smilie,	James McLene, and	
Jonathan Hoge,	William Brown,	
John Whitehill,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, in full for one quarter's salary due to him as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, on the eighteenth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Colonel John Bull, for eight pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for coming to Philadelphia from Northumpberland county, with public dispatches respecting some disturbances at Wioming in June, 1786, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the guardian of Catherine Reinick, a minor daughter of Christian Reinick, deceased, for the sum of twenty-two pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, in full for one quarter's pension ending the twenty-first day of June, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report.

A letter from the Commissioners at Wilkesbarry, in Luzerne county, on the subject of running and ascertaining the division line between Northumberland and Luzerne counties, was received and read, and an order taken that the same be transmitted to the General Assembly, together with the following letter, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, Thursday, September 20th, 1787.

SIR:—Council being of opinion that the inclosed letter from the Commissioner now at Wilkesbarre, contains information that requires immediate consideration, have ordered that it be transmitted to the Honorable the General Assembly.

I am, sir, your obedient humble servant,

CHARLES BIDDLE, V. P.

Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.

The Vice President and Mr. Maclay attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 21st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	James McLene,	
John Baird,	William Maclay,	
William Brown,	Evan Evans, and	
Nathan Dennisen,	John Whitehill,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Major Samuel Hodgson, for one hundred and fourteen pounds seven shillings and nine pence, for defraying sundry expences of a party of Indians, conducted by John Woods, an Indian Interpreter, on their way from this city to Fort Pitt, according to the Comptroller General's report, this sum to be charged to the United States.

Upon application of Colonel John Bull, purchaser of a negro named Port, (formerly the property of Edward Stiles,) at a sale of confiscated property in Philadelphia county in the year 1778,

Ordered, That William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, Attorney General, be employed to support the right which the said Colonel Bull has to the said negro under his purchase from the Commonwealth, in a cause depending between the said Colonel Bull and Edward Stiles.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 22nd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	William Maclay,	
William Brown,	James McLene,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Evan Evans, and	
David Redick,	John Whitehill,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, for eleven pounds, for one barrell of gunpowder purchased by him for the public use.

In favor of the Honorable William Maclay, Esquire, for fifty pounds seven shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

Monday next was assigned for going into the appointment of a Prothonotary of the county of Huntingdon, divided of from Bedford.

Several papers containing intelligence of an armed banditti having assembled at Tioga, within this State, in a riotous manner, with an intention to resist the Government, were laid before Council; and

On consideration,

The President was desired to write a letter to the Governor of the State of New York, inclosing the said papers and requesting the concurrence of the government of that State in concerting measures for effectually suppressing the said rioters; and also that our Delegates in Congress may be permitted to hold a conference with him for that purpose.

A letter was written to the Delegates of this State in Congress upon the same subject.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 24th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	David Redick,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	James McLene,	
John Baird,	William Maclay,	
William Brown,	Evan Evans, and	
Nathan Dennisen,	John Whitehill,	
Jonathan Hoge,		

The appointment of a Prothonotary for the county of Huntington, was postponed untill to-morrow.

Bethuel Covalt, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Bedford, upon a return made according to law for the district of Bethel township.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 25th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,
Henry Hill,	William Brown,
Evan Evans,	William Maclay,
Peter Muhlenberg,	Nathan Denniser,
Jonathan Hoge,	John Smilie,
James McLene,	David Redick,
John Whitehill,	

A Dedimus Potestatem was issued for the county of Northampton, directed to John Arndt, and Robert Levers, Esquires, the Recorder and Prothonotary of that county.

Jonathan Shoemaker was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the districts of the townships of Cheltenham and Abington, in the county of Montgomery, and Joseph Scott, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Robinson township, in the county of Washington. Jonathan Shoemaker and Joseph Scott, Esquires, were also appointed and commissionated Justices of Courts of Common Pleas, in their respective counties.

The fine due to the State, imposed upon George Wright, upon his being convicted of keeping a tipling house in the county of Northampton, was remitted.

Mr. Baird was apointed to attend the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property, in the room of Mr. Maclay.

Agreeably to the order of yesterday, Council proceeded to the election of a Prothonotary of the county of Huntingdon; and the ballots being taken, it appeared that Lazarus McLene, Esquire, was duly elected by a majority of votes.

Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That Lazarus McLene, Esquire, be commissionated Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Huntingdon.

On motion,

Ordered, That Lazarus McLene, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, Clerk of the Orphans' Court, and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Huntingdon.

The following draft of a Proclamation was read and approved:

WHEREAS, It appears from the deposition of John Wigton, and other testimoney, that John Franklin, Leriah Beach, John McKin-

stry, and John Jenkins, have violently opposed the execution of the law in the county of Luzerne, and drove many of the claimants under Pennsylvania from their habitations out of the county:

And whereas, it is of the utmost importance to the good people of this State, that the perpetrators of such atrocious offences should be brought to condign punishment; we have thought proper to issue this Proclamation, hereby engaging that the public reward of four hundred dollars shall be paid to any person or persons, who shall apprehend and secure John Franklin; and the public reward of two hundred dollars shall be paid to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure John Jenkins; and the public reward of two hundred dollars shall be paid for apprehending and securing Leriah Beach, and John McKenstry, or one hundred for either of the said Leriah Beach or John McKenstry. The above rewards to be paid on the offenders or offender being secured in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia; and we do hereby charge and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and Constables, to make diligent search, enquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure the said John Franklin, Leriah Beach, John McKenstry, and John Jenkins, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

GIVEN in Council, under the hand of the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, Vice President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-fifty day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

CHARLES BIDDLE.

ATTEST:—JAMES TRIMBLE,
For John Armstrong, Jun'r, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH!

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 26th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Brown,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Nathan Dennisen,	
John Whitehill,	Evan Evans, and	
James McLene,	David Redick,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary, due to him as

Chief Justice of the State, ending the 25th instant, and in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being due to him on the same day, as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, according to the Comptroller General's report.

A Committe from the General Assembly, Mr. Fitzimmons, Mr. Wynkoop, Mr. Findley, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Whitehill, attended in Council: requested some information respecting the operation of the late Law for confirming to the people called Connecticut claimants, the lands by them claimed in the county of Luzerne.

The Committee were informed that the Commissioners appointed under the law had not yet made a report of their proceedings.

The following draft of a Proclamation, was laid before Council, read and adopted:

Pennsylvania, ss:

By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, A certain agreement was entered into between this Commonwealth and the Commonwealth of Virginia, on the thirty-first day of August, 1779, which agreement was afterwards, to wit: on the twenty-third of June, 1780, confirmed by the State of Virginia, subject to several conditions, one of which was: "That the private property and rights of all persons, acquired under, founded on, or recognized by the laws of either State, previous to the twenty-third of June, 1780, aforesaid, be secured and confirmed to them, although they should be found to fall within the other; and that in the decision of disputes therein, preference shall be given to the elder or prior right, whichever of the said States, the same shall have been acquired under; such persons paying to the State within those boundary their lands shall be included, the same purchase money which would have been due from them to the State, under which they claimed the right, &ca."

And whereas, It hath been made manifest to Council, that divers persons have applied to the State of Virginia, and have procured patents after the said twenty-third of June, 1780, whereby this Commonwealth is deprived of part of one of the branches of the revenue, and many well disposed persons may be led by such examples to procure patents in the same manner, to the future loss and damage of themselves, and of such as may come into their place by purchase or otherwise:

We do therefore, Warn all such persons who have procured patents from Virginia, since the said twenty-third day of June, 1780, not to rely on them as good titles to their lands, as also all such as are entitled to a confirmation of their titles to unpatented lands, whether originating in Virginia or Pennsylvania, that the Act of

Assembly in being respecting the patenting all such lands, will expire on the tenth day of April, 1788, of which all persons concerned, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given in Council, under the hand of the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, Vice President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

CHARLES BIDDLE, V. P.

Attest—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r, Sec'ry.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

The fine imposed upon William Bartho, upon being convicted of an assault and battery, at the last City Court, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	David Redick,	
James McLene,	John Smilie,	
John Whitehill,	Henry Hill,	
William Brown,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Baird,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, in part of his salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and in the Admiralty Sessions of this State, according to resolution of Assembly, dated the eighth day of March, 1782.

Upon the petition of Andrew Moore, of Lancaster county,

Ordered, That one moiety of the rum lately seized by the Collector of Excise in the county of Lancaster, as forfeited by Andrew Moore, be restored to the said Moore, and that the fine due from him to the Commonwealth, be remitted.

A certificate from Edward Burd, Esquire, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, that William Mitchell, Esquire, late Agent for the sale of Confiscated Property in the county of York, hath entered sufficient security to prosecute with effect an appeal from the settlement of his account by the Comptroller General, was read, and his said appeal allowed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 28th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James McLene,	
David Redick,	John Baird,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
William Brown,	John Smilie,	

The several fines imposed upon James Steward and Thomas Peacock, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Dauphine, the former convicted of an assault and battery, and the latter of larceny, were remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 29th, 1787

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Whitehill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
David Redick,	James McLene,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Dennisen, and	
William Brown,	John Smilie,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for eighteen pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the eighth untill the twenty-ninth of September, 1787, and his mileage.

Upon the petition of John Mears, in behalf of Ephraim Parvin, of Berks county, praying remission of a fine imposed upon the said Parvin for not attending militia duty, an order was taken that the Lieutenant of the county of Berks be directed to suspend the collection of the said fine until further orders from Council.

Andrew Henderson, Esquire, was commissionated Register of the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration, and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Huntington, agreeably to the appointment of him to those offices by the General Assembly, on the twenty-seventh of September last.

Andrew Henderson, Esquire, was also commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Huntington aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 1st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Jonathan Hoge,	
John Whitehill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
William Brown,	James McLene,	
John Smilie,	John Dennisen,	
John Baird,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds two shillings and six pence, in full for his attendance as Door-keeper to Council, for the month of September, 1787, and cash paid for a key for the Committee room.

Mr. Redick attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

A petition from Richard Adams, of the city of Philadelphia, in behalf of Don Juan Joseph Auguirre, a native and subject of Old Spain, stating that the said Don Juan Joseph Auguirre hath been charged with alien duty upon a cargo of wines which was imported into this State in June last, and bona fide consigned to the said Richard Adams, who hath sold the same, and praying that the said Don Juan Joseph Auguirre may be exempted from the payment of the said duty, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Collector of the Customs be informed that it is the opinion of Council that the said Don Juan Joseph Auguirre ought not to be charged with the said alien duty, it appearing by the affirmation of the said Richard Adams that the cargo aforesaid was consigned to and disposed of by him.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 2nd, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	William Brown,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	Andrew Billmeyer, and	
John Whitehill,	John Smilie,	
John Baird,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Irvine, Esquire, for one hundred and eighty-four pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance

in Congress as a delegate from this State until the twenty-eighth day of September, 1787.

In favor of Matthias Hollenback, Esquire, for forty-six pounds ten shillings and seven pence, amount of his account for boarding, nursing, medicine, and attendance upon James M'Manus, who was wounded by the fall of a tree while in the public service, with the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the Northern boundary of this State, according to the Comptroller's report.

Upon the petition of Moses Phœnix, of Mountbethel township, Northampton county, and a recommendation of a number of respectable inhabitants of that county,

Ordered, That the fine imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions, upon being convicted of keeping a tipling house in the said county, be remitted.

Upon the petition of John Lewis, and a recommendation from the street commissioners and other respectable citizens in his favor, it was

Ordered, That the punishment at hard Labor for four years to which he was sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer of the County of Philadelphia upon conviction of Larceny, be remitted.

The punishment at hard labour to which Thomas Lee was sentenced by the City Court in July last upon being convicted of the like offence, was remitted. upon the petition of Rachel Lee his wife, and a recommendation from a number of respectable citizens.

On motion,

Ordered, That John Nicholson, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned Escheator General of this Commonwealth under the Act of the General Assembly, passed the twenty-ninth day of September last entituled an Act to declare and regulate Escheats.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 3rd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Nathan Dennisen,	
John Whitehill,	David Redick,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Smilie, and	
William Brown,	James McLene,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of the Honorable James McLene, Esquire, for forty-two pounds, ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the

twentieth of August until the fourth of October 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of Mathias Hollenback for fifteen shillings, being the expence attended the sale of confiscated property held in Luzerne county on the fourth day of September last, according to the Comptroller's report.

In favor of Catherine Thompson, the widow and relict of Brigadier General William Thompson, deceased, for seventy pounds six shillings and three pence, being her pension from the third of June until the third of September, 1787, inclusively, according to the Comptroller General's report and an Act of Assembly, dated the first of March, 1780.

The several fines imposed upon John Hoffman, upon his being convicted of larceny upon three indictments in the county of Montgomery, were remitted upon his petition and a respectable recommendation from a number of inhabitants of said county.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, in favor of the following persons for the sums annexed to their names respectively, payable out of the militia fines of Lancaster county, the same being due for militia services in the year 1777, 1779 and 1781, according to the Comptroller General's report, vizt:

In favor of Adam Wilhelm, for thirteen pounds twelve shillings and ten pence.

In favor of Doctor Henry Stuber, twelve pounds ten shillings.

In favor of John Defrance, for one pound three shillings and four pence.

In favor of James Defrance, for one pound three shillings and four pence.

In favor of Christopher Taylor, for one pound four shillings and two pence.

In favor of John Taylor, for one pound three shillings and four pence.

In favor of William Berkman, for one pound three shillings and four pence.

A letter from the Secretary of Congress, transmitting the report of the Convention lately assembled at Philadelphia, together with the resolutions and letter accompanying the same, agreeably to a resolution of Congress dated the twenty-eighth of September last, and requesting that the same may be laid before the Legislature, in order that it may be submitted to a Convention of Delegates to be chosen by the people of this State, was read and filed.

The memorial of James M'Calmont, Esquire, being read and several depositions in support thereof.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Attorney General be directed forthwith to commence a prosecution against Captain John Barry, and such other persons as shall be found to have been principally active in seizing

the said James M'Calmont, or otherwise concerned in the riotous proceedings as set forth in the said memorial, and that the said memorial and depositions or copies thereof, be transmitted with this resolution to the Attorney General.

The yeas and nays being called upon, the foregoing resolution were as follows, vizt:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. President,	Mr. Hoge,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Smilie,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. M'Lene,	Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Muhlenberg.
Mr. Redick,	Mr. Baird.	

So it was carried in the affirmative.

We disent from the resolve entered into on the second instant, for the following reasons:

1st. The powers of Government being particularly divided among the several departments of Legislative, Executive and Judicial authority, the public peace and security of individuals, require that the bounds assigned to one should not be invaded by the other. Great part of the excellence of a free government, consists in the exact order and precision with which the duties of administration are arranged and defined, by which a certain and regular remedy is provided for every wrong done, and which the sufferers are entitled of wright to demand. In every species of offence, from treason to the smallest misdemeanor, our constitution and the laws have provided certain adequate remedies, for which proper officers are appointed. To interfere in the duties which those officers are to perform, before it appears to Council that they have refused on a reasonable request made to them, is to disorder the harmony of government, and to blend and confuse the officers which the Constitution has indeavoured to preserve separate and distinct.

2nd. It is true that the Constitution declares Council are to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, but is evident that their interference is not directed to take place *a priori*, and in the first instance, otherwise it would become their duty to give the same directions to the Attorney General, with those which were voted in the third instant in every application, and whether the proper Magistrates had been delinquent or not.

3rd. Cases may, indeed, arise of such consequence, as to render it meritorious in Council, to break thro' the legal boundaries assigned to their jurisdiction, and anticipating our obvious and pernicious refusal in the proper offices, give directions in the first instance for the faithfull execution of the laws; but what are the cases in which such an interference can be necessary or justifiable, surely it can only be when combinations to oppose not to support legal government, to resist not to establish authority, threaten the safety of the State, the liberty and happiness of the public. Such

were the late unwarrantable associations in the county of Northampton, in express defiance of the laws and contempt of the authority of the Commonwealth, but unless on other occasions, the declared object and intentions of the parties accused should appear to Council, to be in a similar manner directed against the existence of all legal authority, no precedent can justly be drawn from what was done on that occasion.

4th. But tho' that resolve can afford no precedent for the act of the second instant, entered on the minutes of Council, it is probable that the latter will hereafter be converted into a frequent and convenient example for the purposes of party, and that future factions may derive from this occasion, a mode of obtaining assistance in the pursuit of favorite measures, which had Council adhered to the plain original principles of the Constitution would never have been afforded to them.

PETER MUHLENBERG,
SAMUEL DEAN,
HENRY HILL.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 4th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Baird,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Smilie, and	
William Brown,	John Whitehill,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Whitehill, Esquire, for sixty seven pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the fifth day of October, 1787, and his mileage.

The punishment at hard labour, to which Daniel Harkins was sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery for the county of Chester, upon being convicted of a robbery, was remitted, upon the petition of his wife, Margaret Harkins, and a recommendation from a number of the inhabitants of the said county.

Upon the petion of divers freeholders of the township of Fallowfield, in the county of Chester, an order was taken that the punishment at hard labour, to which negro Sam was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county aforesaid, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 5th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Baird,	
Jonathan Hoge,	John Smilie, and	
William Brown,	John Whitehill,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for fifty two pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill the fourth instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for thirty-four pounds 10s, in full for his attendance in Council from the third of July to the fifteenth, and from the nineteenth of July until the first of September, 1787.

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the first until the thirtieth of September, 1787, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable John Armstrong, Esquire, for one hundred and eighty-one pounds seventeen shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress as a Delegate from Pennsylvania, from the thirty first of July untill the fifteenth of October, 1787, and his mileage.

Two orders were drawn in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores; one for ten pounds, for painting the public Arsenal, and the other for twenty-six pounds three shillings and three pence, for one hundred weight of powder and three hundred weight of lead, and for transporting the same to the county of Luzerne, Council having thought proper to forward the said ammunition for the defence of that county.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel James Ross, Lieutenant of Lancaster county, be directed to deliver to Matthias Hollenback fifty stand of arms, to be forwarded to Colonel William Wilson, Lieutenant of Northumberland county, for the defence of the county of Luzerne.

Ordered, That Mr. Redick, member of this Board, be appointed to lay out the Town Common and lots in the reserved tract opposite Pitsburgh, on the north-west side of Allegany river, agreeably to a late act of Assembly made respecting the same, and that he survey and lay out the said town in conformity to the plan by him

laid before this Board, as nearly as the ground and other circumstances, in his opinion will admit, and to make report to this Board as soon as convenient.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires,
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Nathan Dennisen,	
John Smilie,		

Upon the petition of John Logan, now confined in the jail of this city for larceny, an order was taken that the punishment at hard labour, to which he was sentenced by the Court, be remitted, on condition that he transport himself from the United States in four weeks from this date, not to return.

Upon the petition of Bridget Edgeworth, in behalf of her husband John Edgeworth,

Ordered, That his punishment at hard labour be remitted, on condition of his finding sufficient security that he transport himself out of the United States forthwith, not to return.

The fine imposed upon Adam Driesbach, upon conviction of fornication and bastardy in the county of Northampton, was remitted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Captain John Craig, for three hundred pounds, as a reward for apprehending and securing John Franklin, under orders from Council.

In favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for one hundred and forty-eight pounds eight shillings, ballance due upon his account for his salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty and in the Admiralty Sessions, agreeably to resolution of Assembly dated the thirteenth of March, 1782, and for his services as one of the Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals

In favor of Colonel Robert Elder, of Lancaster county, for four pounds nineteen shillings and four pence, ballance due upon his account for militia services in the year 1777, 1778, and 1779, as Colonel of the fourth battalion of Lancaster county militia, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The fine imposed upon Jonathan Guy, upon being convicted of an assault and battery in the county of Bucks, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, October 8th, 1787, Monday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
William Brown,	Nathan Dennisen, and	} Esquires.
David Redick,	Jonathan Hoge,	

Council taking into consideration the intelligence received from the county of Luzerne since the capture of John Franklin, the principal of the banditti lately assembled at Tioga, and the public safety at this time requiring that the said John Franklin should be closely confined; therefore,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to confine the said John Franklin, in one of the upper rooms of the jail, in irons, to suffer no person or persons whatsoever to speak to him without leave from Council, or one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and to debar him the use of pen, ink, and paper.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, in full for one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth of September, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the Honoroble Jonathan Hoge, Esquire, for thirty-four pounds sixteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the first of September until the ninth of October, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable John Baird, Esquire, for twenty-nine pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the thirty-first of August untill the 8th of October, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Mr. Redick, member of this Board, be requested to go immediately to New York to communicate to his Excellency the Governor of that State some important intelligence, this day received, respecting the late riots in the county of Luzerne, and to request that he will afford this State the aid that he will perceive to be necessary for securing sundry persons now in the State of New York, together with their papers, in order to compleat the evidence against the conspirators, so that they may be brought to condign punishment, and their schemes of mischief defeated.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 9th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable CHARLES BIDDLE, Esquire, Vice President.

Jonathan Hoge, John Baird, and
William Brown, John Smilie, } Esquires.
Nathan Dennisen,

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, our late worthy Vice President, for the integrity, diligence and ability with which he has discharged the duties of that important office.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Brown, for thirty-one pounds six, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, and his mileage.

Whereas, The peace and good order of government are interrupted by dangerous tumults and riots in county of Luzerne, for the suppression of which the immediate aid of the militia is necessary;

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the county of Berks be directed immediately to draw forth a detachment of seventy privates, properly officered and equipped, from the militia of the said county, agreeably to the additional supplement of the act of Assembly entitled An Act for the regulation of the militia of this Commonwealth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean, John Smilie, and } Esquires.
John Baird, Nathan Dennisen,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Henry McCormick for thirty pounds, for his services in furnishing Council with information respecting the late disturbances in the county Luzerne, transmitting several letters and papers, &ca.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Colonel Dennisen be requested to go immediately into his county of Luzerne, in order to inform himself

minutely, and to furnish exact information to Council of the state of affairs there; and that, if he shall judge it proper, he proceed as far as Tioga himself, or send thither some other suitable person, to view the situation of the mal-contents there, and obtain what knowledge he can of their designs, numbers, force and probable means of support, if they mean to establish themselves within the boundaries of this State: of all which he is to make report as soon as possible to the Council.

The President offering to advance what specie may be necessary in part of his expence for this service, it was agreed to, and he was accordingly furnished twelve dollars to Colonel Dennison.

Colonel Dennisen's instructions are as follows, vizt:

In Council, October 10th, 1787.

Instructions to the Honorable Nathan Dennisen, Esquire.

On consideration of the letter communicated by you, which you received from sundry of the persons principally concerned in the late riot in the county of Luzerne, upon the apprehending of John Franklin, representing that the same was committed in the heat of passion, occasioned by the supposition that he was carried off illegally, without the authority of any regular writ or warrant; and that being now better informed, they were sorry for their misconduct in that affair, and determined to submit quietly to the operation of the laws, hoping this their offence might be passed over:—The Council, ever desirous to promote and establish peace and good order in that county, and giving credit to the aforesaid declaration of the offenders, do hereby authorize you to assure them that if they hereafter behave orderly, as good citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, no prosecution shall be commenced against them on account of their said irregular and criminal conduct, but you are at the same time to acquaint them that the Government, having already taken every measure for securing to the settlers the future quiet possession of their lands, are now determined to carry into execution the laws of the State, to the full extent of its boundaries, and purpose to send immediately into that county a force sufficient to support the public officers in the discharge of their respective functions against all opposers, who, if they persist in their evil practices, are to expect no further favor.

B. FRANKLIN, President.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 11th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill, John Baird, and John Smilie, } Esquires.
Samuel Dean,

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of James Muir, for twenty-one pounds fourteen shillings and three fardings, in full for his accounts for stationary furnished for the use of Council, and for folding and stitching public accounts, according to the Comptroller General's report

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to his Clerk on the 6th instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

John Allen, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Fayette, upon a return made according to law, for the district of Franklin township.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 12th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean, John Baird, and John Smilie, } Esquires.
Henry Hill,
Peter Muhlenberg,

Returns of the general elections for the counties of Berks and Montgomery, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

James Read, Esquire, Councellor for the county of Berks; and Jacob Bawer and Henry Vanderslice, Sheriffs, and Peter Feather, the younger, and Henry Brown, Coroners, for the said county.

Francis Swain and Christian Dull, Esquires, Sheriffs, and Samuel Hines and Henry Scheetz, Coroners, for the said county Montgomery.

Jacob Bawer, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Peter Feather, (the younger,) Coroner of the county of Berks.

Nicholas Lutz, Esquire, and Henry Spohn, gentlemen of Berks county, were offered and accepted as sureties for Jacob Bawer.

Francis Swain, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Samuel Hines, Coroner, of the county of Montgomery.

John Richards and William Moore Smith, Esquires, were offered and accepted as securities of Francis Swain, Esquire.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

John Smilie,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
John Baird,	Samuel Dean, and	
Henry Hill,	David Redick,	

James Read, Esquire, took his seat at this Board, agreeably to a return of the general election for the county of Berks, (read yesterday,) made agreeably to law, having previously taken the necessary oaths of qualification.

Jacob Shallus, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Notary and Tabellion Public in and for this Commonwealth, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

A letter of instructions was written to Valentine Eckhart, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Berks, inclosing a copy of the order of this Board dated the ninth instant, for calling into service a detachment of seventy privates, properly officered and equipped, from the militia of the said county, and also an order in his favor upon the Treasurer, for one hundred and fifty pounds, to enable him to equipp the said company, and procure for them the necessary subsistence on their march to and while at Fort Allen, the place of rendezvous, the said Mr. Eckhart to be accountable.

Mr. Hollenback's proposal for supplying the said company with rations, at the rate of ten pence per ration, to consist of one pound of bread, one pound of beef or three-quarters of a pound of pork, one gill of rum or whiskey, per day; and one quart of salt, and two quarts of vinegar to every hundred rations; and eight pounds of soap and three pounds of candles to every seven hundred rations, was read and agreed to.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 15th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Robert Traill,	John Smilie, and	
David Redick,	James Read,	

Returns of the general elections in the counties of Dauphine, Lancaster, and Bucks, were read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected: Councillor, Christopher Kucher; Anthony Kelker and Samuel Graham, Sheriffs; and Michael Kapp and James Long, Coroners, for the county of Dauphine,

For the county of Lancaster: Councillor—George Ross, Esquire; Sheriffs—John Miller and Isaac Keagy; Coroners—John Offner and Peter Scheffner.

For the county of Bucks: Sheriffs—William Roberts and William Chapmans; Coroners—Isaac Vanhorne and Joseph Hart.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the following gentlemen be appointed and commissionated Sheriffs and Coroners for their respective counties, as follows, viz't:

Anthony Kelker Sheriff, and Michael Kapp Coroner, for the county of Dauphine; John Miller Sheriff, and John Offner Coroner, for the county of Lancaster; and William Roberts Sheriff, and Isaac Vanhorne Coroner, for the county of Bucks.

The return of the general election in the county of Chester, was received and read; and thereupon, Ezekiel Leonard was appointed Sheriff, and John Underwood Coroner, of the county aforesaid.

Emor Jeffries and Joel Bailey, were offered and excepted as securities for the Sheriff.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 16th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

John Smilie,	Robert Trail,	Esquires.
John Baird,	Henry Hill,	
Samuel Dean,	James Read, and	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick,	

George Ross, Esquire, took his seat at this Board, agreeably to a return of the general election for the county of Lancaster, (read

yesterday,) made agreeably to law, having previously taken the necessary oaths of qualification.

Returns of the general elections in the counties of York and Northampton, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt;

For the county of York: Councillor—Samuel Edie; Sheriffs—John Edie and William M'Clellan; Coroners—Andrew Johnston and John Morris.

For the county of Northampton: Sheriffs—George Groff and Jonas Hartzelle; Coroners—George Schryver and Abraham Ringer.

George Groff, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and George Schryver Coroner, of the county of Northampton; and John Edie, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Andrew Johnston Coroner, of the county of York.

The following gentlemen were offered and accepted as securities for the Sheriffs of the counties of Dauphine, Lancaster, Bucks, Northampton, and York, vizt:

Christopher Uhler and Daniel Bradley, Esquires, for Anthony Kelker, Sheriff of Dauphine county.

Adam Reichart and Adam Weaver, Esquires, for John Miller, Sheriff of Lancaster county.

Gerardus Wynkoop and Joseph Jenks, for William Roberts, Sheriff of the county of Bucks.

Peter Kohler and Jacob Newhart, for George Groff, Sheriff of the county of Northampton.

Samuel Edie and David McConaughey, Esquires, for John Edie, Sheriff of the county of York.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 17th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	James Read,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Robert Trail,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	George Ross, and	
John Baird,	John Smilie,	
David Redick,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esquire, for eighty-five pounds, being due to him for two months' salary as late Vice President, ending the tenth instant, and for cash paid for expences of an express sent to Northampton county.

Upon the petition of the Reverend Doctor Charles Nesbitt,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be directed to draw an order upon the County Treasurer of the county of Cumberland, for the sum of one hundred and four pounds, in favor of the said Charles Nesbitt, being one half year's interest due upon the certificates in the hands of the State, belonging to the Trustees of Dickinson College, anything contained in the order of this Board of July sixteenth last to the contrary notwithstanding.

The fine imposed upon Jacob Erb, of Moore township, Northampton county by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the aforesaid county, upon conviction of keeping a tipling house, was remitted, on condition of his paying his licence fees and excise now due.

The return of the general election held in the county of Bedford, was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected:

Councillor—George Woods.

Sheriffs—Arthur McGaughey, and John Cessna,

Coroners—Anthony Nawgel, and Cornelius McAuley.

Arthur McGaughey, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Anthony Nawgle, Coroner of the county of Bedford.

Samuel Davison, and George Woods, Esquires, were offered and accepted as sureties for Mr. McGaughey.

The report of Robert Levers, Peter Hachlein, and Lewis Stacker, appointed to hear the evidence touching a disputed election of Justices of the Peace for Bethlehem township, in the county of Northampton, was read and considered, and there appearing sufficient reason to set aside the said election, the same was accordingly set aside and made void.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 18th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	James Read,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	George Ross,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	Robert Trail, and	
John Baird,	John Smilie,	
David Redick,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for thirty-three pounds fifteen shillings. And in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for fifteen pounds fifteen shillings, in full

for their attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and the mileage of the latter.

In favor of Edmund Physick, Esquire, for five pounds, in full of his account for sundry services done for the late Province as keeper of the great seal of Pennsylvania, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Mr. Ross and Mr. Traill were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of Mr. William Turnbull, as Commissioner for purchasing supplies of cloathing, &ca., for the late Pennsylvania line, together with the Comptroller General's report thereon, and to report to Council.

The petition of David Jones, praying some further allowance for depreciation upon his pay as a Chaplain in the late army of the United States, than is reported by the Comptroller General to be due to him, was read and referred to the Attorney General for his opinion and report.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 19th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
Samuel Dean,	Robert Traill,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick, and	Esquires.
George Ross,	James Read,	
John Smilie,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 20th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Henry Hill,	Robert Traill,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	David Redick, and	Esquires.
George Ross,	James Read,	
John Smilie,		

The petition of Bridget Edgeworth, praying Council to direct the Attorney General to suspend a prosecution commenced against her for larceny, on condition of her leaving the State, was read,

and an order was taken that the aforesaid prosecution be stayed, provided the petitioner will leave the State forthwith, not to return.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to furnish John Franken, a prisoner in his custody, with one mattrass and three blankets at the expence of the State.

A return of the General election in the county of Cumberland, was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Councellor—Frederick Watt, Esquire.

Sheriffs—Charles Leiper, and James Wallace.

Coroners—John Walker, and William Wallace.

Charles Leiper, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and John Walker, Coroner, of the county of Cumberland.

Messrs. Robert Miller, and Joseph Thornburgh, of Carlisle, were offered and accepted as securities for the Sheriff.

A letter from the Honorable the Delegates from this State to Congress, of the eighteenth instant, informing Council of the apprehending of Hamilton, and inclosing the requisitions of Congress for supplies for the current year, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 22nd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	George Ross, and	
John Baird,	James Read,	
Robert Traill,		

Return of the general election of the counties of Luzerne and Huntington, were received and read, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

For the county of Huntington:

Councellor—John Cannon.

Sheriffs—Benjamin Elliott, and John Patton.

Coroners—Samuel Thompson, and Alexander Ramsey.

For the county of Luzerne:

Sheriffs—Lord Butler, and Mason Fitz Alden.

Coroners—Nathan Cary, and Abel Yarrington.

Benjamin Elliott was appointed Sheriff of the county of Huntington, and Samuel Thompson, Coroner of the said county.

Michael Cryder and John Cannon, Esquires, were offered and accepted as sureties for Mr. Elliott.

The Comptroller General reported a plan of eleven city lotts situate on the south side of Market or High street, and on the west side of Tenth street from Delaware.

Ordered, That the lots aforesaid be offered for public sale on Wednesday, the seventh day of November next.

A letter was written to the Honorable the Delegates of this State, in answer to the letter received yesterday.

On motion,

Resolved, That Council will to-morrow proceed to the election of a Secretary of this Board in the room of General Armstrong, resigned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 23rd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	Robert Traill,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	George Ross,	
Peter Muhlenberg,	John Smilie, and	
John Baird,	James Read,	
David Redick,		

The return of the general election of the county of Franklin, was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Councillor—Abraham Smith.

Sheriffs—John Johnston, and John Martin.

Coroners—Conrad Snider, and Patrick Campbell.

John Johnston, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Conrad Snider, Coroner of the said county.

James Johnston, John Boggs, and Thomas Campbell, Esquires, were offered and accepted as securities for Mr. Johnston, the Sheriff.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to comply with the requisition of Mr. John Moylan, relating to cloathing the troops on the Ohio, and that he enable Mr. Moylan to procure the cloathing on the best terms possible.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Council proceeded to the election of Secretary of this Board, in the room of General Armstrong, and the ballots being taken, it appeared that Charles Biddle, Esquire, was duly elected.

A certificate from Edward Burd, Esquire, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, that Samuel Miles, Esquire, hath entered sufficient security to prosecute with effect, an appeal from the settlement of his accounts, (as late Colonel of a Rifle Battalion,) by the Comptroller General, was read and the said appeal allowed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 24th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

John Baird,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
David Redick,	James Read,	
Robert Traill,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
George Ross,		

Upon the petition of Joseph Jones, and a recommendation of the Magistrates and others, in his favor,

Ordered, That the punishment at hard labour, for the term of six months, to which he was sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions for the county of Montgomery, be remitted.

Abraham Smith, Esquire, took his seat at this Board, agreeably to the return of the General Election for the county of Franklin, having previously taken the necessary oaths.

The account of William Turnbull, Esquire, being read,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Comptroller General, for his report thereon.

William Mitchell, Esquire, elected a Representative in the General Assembly, for the county of York, attended and requested leave to resign his commissions as a Justice of the Peace and Common Pleas, for said county, previous to his taking his seat; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

William Perry, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and John Gibson, Coroner of the county of Westmoreland, upon a return made to Council, of the General election in that county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 25th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

John Baird,	James Read,	Esqr's.
David Redick,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Robert Traill,	Abraham Smith,	
George Ross,	Samuel Dean,	
John Smilie,		

A return of the General Election in the county of Fayette, was received and read, and Joseph Terrance, thereupon, appointed Sheriff, and Henry Beeson, Coroner of the said county.

Samuel Edie, Esquire, took his seat at this Board, as Councillor for the county of York, upon a return made of the General Election, for the county aforesaid, agreeably to law, having previously taken the necessary oaths of qualification.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Stephen Balliet, Esquire, for sixty pounds twelve shillings, in full for his account for militia services in Northampton county, in 1782.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain James McLene, commanding the Invalid Guard, for sixteen pounds seven shillings, for his subsistence for July, August, and September, 1787.

Mr. Lollar, Mr. Willing, and Mr. Schott, a Committee from the General Assembly, attending, were introduced, and informed Council that the House of Assembly was now met, and were ready to receive any business the Council might have to lay before them.

The Committee were informed that a Message was preparing, and should be transmitted to the House to-morrow forenoon, together with a number of papers received since the late meeting of the House.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 26th, 1787, October.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

David Redick,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Robert Traill,	Samuel Dean,	
George Ross,	Samuel Edie,	
John Smilie,	Henry Hill, and	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Peter Muhlenberg,		

On motion,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, be directed to have John Franklin's irons taken off, he giving his payrole that he will not attempt to make his escape.

Frederick Watt, Esquire, took his seat at this Board as Councillor for the county of Cumberland, upon a return made of the general election for the county aforesaid, agreeably to law, having previously taken the necessary oaths.

The following draft of a message to the General Assembly, was read and adopted:

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—Since the last session there has been a renewal of the disturbances at Wyoming, some restless spirits there having imagined a project of withdrawing the inhabitants of that part of this State, and some part of the State of New York, from their allegiance, and of forming them into a new State, to be carried into effect by an armed force, in defiance of the laws of the two States. Having intelligence of this, we caused one of the principal conspirators to be apprehended and secured in the gaol of this city; and another, who resided in the State of New York, at our request has been taken up by the authority of that Government. The papers found on this occasion, fully discover the designs of these turbulent people, and some of their letters are herewith laid before you. The Government of New York, has in this affair, manifested the most friendly and neighbourly disposition towards this State, and has promised to concur with us in such future measures as may be necessary to secure the due operation of the laws, and restore quiet in those parts of both States, where these irregular and ill-disposed settlers have their habitations. To protect the civil officers of our new county of Luzerne in the exercise of their respective functions, we have ordered a body of militia to hold themselves in readiness to march thither, which will be done, unless some future circumstances and informations from those parts may make it appear unnecessary.

The sudden and unaccountable obstruction which the currency of the paper money of this State has lately met with, we earnestly recommend to your consideration as a matter of great importance; the private interests of the citizens being very extensively affected by it, and the public in danger of suffering a loss in its revenue of excise duties and taxes, &ca., proportioned to any depreciation the paper money may be attended with. Perhaps it may be adviseable to put a stop to the farther re-emissions on loan, which are permitted by the law as it now stands.

We would likewise recommend to your consideration the subject of a law to regulate the fees of the various officers of the State, especially those of the Executive and Judicial departments.

The lowering the price of lands in the new purchase, we now think necessary, it being very evident that they will not sell till this takes place. At the same time we are of opinion it would be of advantage to the State if those who become purchasers had an exemption from taxes for several years, as it would be an encouragement to the people to become purchasers.

Since the expiration of the law for granting lands to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, a number of applications have been made to us by persons who were entitled, but for want of information did not apply in time. We therefore recommend it to your Honorable House to pass a law granting a further time for those people to come in and draw for their lands. Sundry dispatches we have received from Congress are herewith communicated.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, October 27th, 1787.

The Council met.

Philadelphia, Saturday, October 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

David Redick,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Robert Traill,	Samuel Dean,	
George Ross,	Samuel Edie,	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
James Read,	Henry Hill,	

The petition of Daniel Hunter, praying remission of a fine of one hundred pounds, imposed upon him on being convicted of a misdemeanor in the Quarter Sessions of the county of Bucks, was remitted.

Mr. McLene, Mr. Lilly, Mr. Barr, Mr. Foulke, and Mr. Hubley, a committee from the General Assembly, attended in Council, and a conference was had upon the time when the election of a President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council should take place, and the manner in which it should be conducted: upon which it was

Ordered, That Wednesday, the thirty-first of this month, shall be the day, and the usual mode of procession adopted on this occasion.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 29th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Nathan Dennisen,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Robert Traill,	Samuel Dean,	
Samuel Edie,	William Maclay,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
John Baird,	James Read, and	
George Ross,	Henry Hill,	

The Secretary was sent to the House with a request that a committee be appointed to confer with Council on the subject of the late disturbances at Wioming, to meet at the Council Chamber at eleven o'clock to morrow, at which time Colonel Pickering, who has received some intelligence from that place, was directed to attend.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October the 30th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Nathan Dennisen,	Peter Muhlenberg,	Esquires.
Robert Traill,	Samuel Dean,	
Samuel Edie,	William Maclay,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
John Baird,	James Read, and	
George Ross,	Henry Hill,	

Samuel Weiser, Esquire, was commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Mohonay, in the county of Northumber-

land, upon a return made agreeably to law, and Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county.

Christian Gettig and Joseph Jacob Wallice, Esquire, were also commissionated Justices of the Peace for the town of Sunbury and district of Augusta, county of Northumberland, upon a return made agreeably to law, and Justices of the Court of Common Pleas.

The petition of Henry Martin, praying the remission of a fine of ten pounds, imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions for the city of Philadelphia, for an assault and battery on Alexander Carlisle, was

Ordered, That the fine be reduced to three pounds.

Upon the petition of James Hergrove, and recommendation of the commissioners and others in his favor, it was

Ordered, That the punishment to hard labour for two years, and the fine of twenty pounds, imposed by the City Court, be remitted.

Upon the application of Colonel Thomas Mifflin,

Ordered, That Captain Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Anthony Wright, or order, fifty weight of gunpowder, to be used upon the proclamation of the President and Vice President, on the thirty-first instant.

Mr. McLene, Mr. Hiester, Mr. Wynkoop, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Piper, a committee of Assembly, attended in Council, agreeably to the request of yesterday. The intelligence received and communicated by Colonel Pickering, containing information that the rioters lately assembled at Tioga still persist in their intentions to oppose the Government and laws of this State, was taken into consideration, and some time being spent in conference thereon, it was deemed proper and necessary to make application to Congress for their consent to raise and employ a body of troops, not exceeding five hundred, to be stationed in the county of Luzerne, for protecting the officers of government and well affected inhabitants of said county.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Trimble, for ninety-four pounds twelve shillings, amount of his account for writing and registering four hundred and fifty-one patents for donation lands, and for attendance upon the lottery until the first of October, 1787, and cash paid for five hundred and two pieces of parchment for patenting the said lands.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 31st, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
George Ross,	Frederick Watt,	
Samuel Edie,	Peter Muhlenberg,	
Robert Trail,	John Smilie,	
David Redick,	John Baird,	
Nathan Dennisen,	Henry Hill, and	
William McClay,	James Read,	

The Clerk of the House attending, informed Council that the General Assembly were ready to receive Council, agreeably to the order of the twenty-seventh instant, and to proceed with them to the intended election.

Council and Assembly having met, and their votes colletively being taken, it appeared that his Excellency Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, was duly elected President, and the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council of this Commonwealth. Proclamation was then made of the President and Vice President, and the following order of procession observed:

Constables with their staves.
Sub-Sheriffs with their wands.
High Sheriff and Coroners with their wands.
Judges of the Supreme Court and Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.
Attorney General and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.
Marshall of the admiralty.
Judge and Register of the Admiralty.
Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia.
Naval Officer, Collector of the Customs and Tonnage Officer.
Treasurer and Comptroller General.
Secretary of the Land Office.
Receiver General and Surveyor General.
Justices of the Peace.
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas and Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions.
Clerk of the City Court.
Master of the Rolls and Register of the Wills.
Assistant Secretary of the Council.
Secretary of the Council.
His Excellency the President and Honorable the Vice President.
Members of the Council two and two.

Door-keeper of the Council.
Serjeant-at-arms with the mace.
Clerks of General Assembly.
Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.
Members of the General Assembly two and two.
Door-keeper of the General Assembly.
Provost and Faculty of the University.
Officers of the militia.
Citizens.

His Excellency the President and the Honorable the Vice President, took the oathes required by the Constitution as a qualification for the exercise of their respective offices.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 1st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Nathan Dennisen,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
Robert Traill,	James Read,	
Samuel Edie,	William Maclay,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt, and	
John Baird,	John Smilie,	
George Ross,		

George Woods, Esquire, took his seat at this Board, agreeably to the return of the general election for the county of Bedford, having previously taken the necessary oaths.

Jacob Miley, Esquire, a member of the House of Assembly, having attended at the request of Council, affirmed that there was one hundred and thirty votes in Jones town district, county of Dauphine, he heard there was only one hundred and three returned, the votes in this district were all for Christopher Kucher.

After considering the petition against the election for Councillor for the county of Dauphine, and hearing Mr. Miley and Clark, members of the Legislature for that county, on the subject of the petition; it was

Resolved, That Mr. Kucher be admitted to take his seat, he accordingly appeared, and having taken the necessary oaths, took his seat.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds thirteen shillings, for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council, in the month of October, and for sweeping the chimney.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 2nd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Mr. Robert Traill,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Nathan Dennison,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
George Woods,	John Smilie,	
George Ross,	Henry Hill, and	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
William Maclay,		

On motion of Mr. Maclay,

Resolved, That before Council proceed to any other business the minutes of the preceding day be read.

An order was drawn March the eighteenth, 1785, in favor of Nicholas Kern, for ninety three pounds three shillings and six pence, on the fines due from the delinquents of Northampton county, arising from a tour of duty to Wyoming. It appearing there was no fines collected from the delinquents that were to go upon that tour.

Ordered, That Mr. Kern have an order upon the militia fines of the county of Northampton, and that the former order be cancelled.

The punishment at hard labour to which William Burton was sentenced by the last City Court, upon being convicted of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such—was remitted upon his petition and a recommendation in his favor.

Mr. Maclay was appointed to attend the Honorable the Vice President, as a member of the Board of Property.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel James Marshall, Lieutenant of Washington county, for thirty-seven pounds two shillings and six pence, to be paid by him to Abraham Enslow, Frederick Crow, Stephen Gapin, Peter Clawson, William Crawford, Jesse Vanmetri, William Harrod, Sen'r, Michael Dougherty, John Flora, John Heaton, William Tarpine, Harrod Newland, Robert Flora, Alexander Bruce and Peter Dailey, for their services in watching the movements of Indians, and protecting the settlements on the western frontiers from Indian depredations in the year 1782, agreeably to the act of Assembly, dated December, 1781.

The return of the general election in the county of Northumberland was received and read—and thereupon, Thomas Grant, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Thomas Hamilton, Coroner, of the said county of Northumberland—William

Wilson and William Cook, Esquires, were offered and accepted as sureties for Mr. Grant.

A transcript of the record of the conviction of Jacob Dryer, for burglary at a Court of Oyer and Terminer in December sessions 1786, for the city and county of Philadelphia—being read and considered, Council also taking into consideration that the said Jacob Dryer hath not complied with the conditions of the pardon granted him on the tenth day of May last, and that the said Court of Oyer and Terminer at their last sessions awarded execution against the said Jacob Dryer; therefore,

Ordered, That a warrant under the lesser seal be issued for executing the said sentence of the said Court upon the said Jacob Dryer, on Saturday the seventeenth of this present month, at the usual place of execution.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 3d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Robert Trail,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Nathan Dennisen,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Christian Kucher,	
George Woods,	James Read,	
George Ross,	John Smilie, and	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	

Upon consideration of the case of John McCrum, now confined in the jail of this city for larceny,

Ordered, That the said John McCrum be and he hereby is pardoned, on condition that he give sufficient security to depart the United States forthwith not to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 4th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Robert Traill,	Christian Kucher,	Esquires.
Nathan Dennisen,	James Read,	
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie,	
George Woods,	John Baird,	
George Ross,	David Redick,	
William Maclay,	Evan Evans, and	
Frederick Watt,	Henry Hill,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of David Redick, Esquire, for seven pounds six shillings and seven pence, for his expences on a journey to New York, undertaken by order of the Council.

The petition of Frederick Sneider, praying some reasonable compensation for his extra services in attending upon the donation land lottery as door-keeper during the drawing of the same—was read and the prayer thereof granted.

The Honorable the Vice President and Mr. Maclay attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Robert Traill,	Christian Kucher,	Esquires.
Nathan Dennisen,	James Read,	
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie,	
George Woods,	John Baird,	
George Ross,	David Redick, and	
William Maclay,	Evan Evans,	
Frederick Watt,		

Mr. Maclay and Mr. Redick, Esquires, were appointed a Committee to draft and report a sett of rules for the consideration of Council.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John McClellan, guardian and grandfather of Priscilla McClellan, an orphan daughter of John McClellan, late a Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Troops, for the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds, being her

pension according to the Comptroller General's report of the fifteenth of September last, and an act of Assembly dated the first of March, 1780.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 7th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President

Henry Hill,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Christian Kucher,	
Evan Evans,	George Woods,	
George Ross,	Abraham Smith,	
Robert Trail,	David Redick,	
James Read,	John Smilie,	
William Maclay,	John Baird, and	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennisen,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennisen, Esquire, for eleven pounds, for his expenses on a journey to Tioga, undertaken by direction of Council, and for the hire of a horse for the said journey.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Irvine, Esquire, for ninety-one pounds six shillings and four pence, in full for his attendance in Congress as a Delegate from this State, until the third of November, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

Agreeably to the minute of this Board of the ninth of April last, which declares that the Secretary of Council shall be appointed annually on the eighth day after the election of President and Vice President, Council proceeded to the election of that officer; and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that Charles Biddle, Esquire, had a majority of votes; whereupon,

Resolved, That Charles Biddle, Esquire, is duly elected Secretary of this Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 8th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Baird,	
Nathan Dennisen,	Fredrick Watt,	
Robert Traill,	Christian Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
George Woods,	Samuel Edie, and	
George Ross,	David Redick,	
John Smilie,		

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will proceed to the appointment of a Navel and other officers.

Charles Biddle, Esquire, appeared in Council, and took the oaths required by the Constitution to be taken previous to his entering upon the execution of the duties of his office of Secretary.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Maclay, Mr. Ross and Mr. Smilie, be appointed a committee to prepare and report to Council for their consideration, some amendment to the resolution of the ninth of April last, respecting the annual appointment of certain officers.

The following draft of a message to the General Assembly was read and approved, vizt:

A Message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

Since your resolution, of the thirty-first ult., was forwarded to Congress, Council having received information that the members remaining at New York, were not sufficient to form a representation of the United States.

As the danger to the State appears to be pressing, and the permission solicited from Congress cannot now be obtained, Council, therefore, recommend it to the General Assembly to adopt effectual measures for inforcing the laws of the State in the county of Luzerne, which they are of opinion cannot be done without a permanent force.

The expulsion of the Commissioners from Wyoming will occasion a delay in the execution of their duty under the late law. Council, therefore, recommend that a further time be given for compleating the services expected from them under their present appointment.

The case of Colonel Mentges, submitted to the committee of a former House, is recommended to the attention of the General Assembly, as he appears to have performed sundry services for which he has received no compensation.

The petition of Captain Woolpper is herewith transmitted, as the powers of Council do not extend to his case.

Considerable deficiencies have arisen in the collection of taxes, owing to the neglect of some of the Magistrates in not prosecuting delinquents after returns are furnished to them by the Collectors.

This abuse, in the opinion of Council, merits the attention of the General Assembly, either in removing the Magistrates guilty of such neglect, or subjecting them to some penalty that may compel them to a faithfull discharge of their duty.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

November 8th, 1787.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 9th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Baird,	
Nathaniel Dennison,	Fredrick Watt,	
Robert Traill,	Christian Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
George Woods,	Samuel Edie, and	
George Ross,	David Redick,	
John Smilie,		

Agreeable to the order of yesterday, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Naval officer. The ballots being taken, it appeared that Frederick Phile was duly elected.

Sharp Delany, Esquire, was re appointed Collector of the Custums.

William Nichols was re-appointed Clerk of the City Court, and of the Orphans' Court for the city and county of Philadelphia.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Collectors of Excise for the city and county of Philadelphia, and the different counties in the State, be re-appointed.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will proceed to the appointment of a Health Officer. Doctor Hutchinson Rush, Elijah Weed and Mr. Delhaven, be requested to attend Council to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of Henry Antes, Esquire, late Sheriff of Northumberland county, for six pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his account, according to the Comptroller General's report of the eighth of November, 1787; and in favor of the Honorable John Baird, Esquire, for thirty-nine pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the ninth of October to the ninth of November, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

Upon further consideration of the petition of Frederick Sneider, read in Council on the fifth instant, praying some compensation for his extra services in attending upon the Donation Land Lottery as Door-keeper, an order was taken that he be allowed three pounds per month during the time he was employed in said business.

An inquisition, taken by the Coroner of the city and county of Philadelphia on the twenty-eighth day of October last, upon the body of Andrew Crusis, a Spaniard, was laid before Council and read, by which it appears that the said Andrew Crusis was murdered by a certain Thomas Francis, who has since absconded.

On Consideration,

Ordered, That a proclamation be issued, offering a reward of one hundred dollars for apprehending and prosecuting to conviction the said Thomas Francis for the murder aforesaid.

A Proclamation was also directed to issue, requiring all Judges, Justices, &c., to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and bring to examplary punishment the persons who were concerned in the riot in the night of the sixth instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	George Woods,	
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
George Ross,	David Redick,	
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Robert Traill,	Abraham Smith,	
William Maclay,	Christian Kucher, and	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennisen,	

Doctors Benjamin Rush and James Hutchinson, and Mr. Elijah Weed attended agreeably to the request of Council, and after some

time spent in hearing those gentlemen respecting the conduct of Mr. Jones as Health Officer, the appointment of a Health Officer was postponed until Monday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 12th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Robert Traill,	George Ross,	
Samuel Edie,	John Baird,	
George Woods,	Samuel Dean,	
Nathan Dennisen,	Frederick Watt,	
Christian Kucher,	David Redick and	
William Maclay,	Henry Hill,	

It appearing from intelligence received from Washington County that the Indians have murdered some of the inhabitants of the said county, and that the people there are in want of arms and ammunition.

Resolved, That one hundred stand of arms, four hundred weight of powder, and eight hundred weight of Lead, and one thousand flints be purchased by the Comptroller General and sent to the Lieutenant of Washington county.

The appointment of a Health Officer was postponed until to-morrow.

The following drafts of two proclamations, were read and approved, vizt:

Pennsylvania, ss.

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, It appears to us that about midnight, between Tuesday the sixth and Wednesday the seventh instant, a most daring riot was committed by a large company of disorderly and evil minded persons, unknown, at and on the dwelling of Major Alexander Boyd in sixth Street, in the city of Philadelphia, which company violently assaulted the same house by throwing stones there-

at, and damaging the same to the great disturbance and annoyance of the Honorable John Baird, Abraham Smith and John Smilie, members of Council, and of James M'Lene, James M'Calmont, William Findley and John Piper, Esquires, members of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, who were there asleep, within the same dwelling:

And whereas, It is manifest that the said rioters did perpetrate the riot and outrage aforesaid, with design to affront and injure the gentlemen aforesaid, in as much as they at the same time declared that they knew that they were lodgers with the said Alexander Boyd, and did speak concerning them in the most contumelious and threatening terms:

And whereas, The General Assembly of this State have transmitted to Council the following resolutions, entered into by them on this occasion, vizt:

Saturday, November the tenth, 1787. The committee to whom was referred this forenoon, the motion respecting the insult offered to some members of this House, made report, which was read, and on motion, and by special order, the same was read the second time, and unanimously adopted as follows, vizt:

WHEREAS, Complaint hath been made to this House by James M'Calmont, James M'Lene, John Piper and William Findley, Esquires, members thereof, that on the night of Tuesday the sixth instant, the house of Major Boyd of this city in which they resided, was riotously attacked by a number of persons to the said members unknown, and themselves abused and insulted by reproachfull language,

Resolved That such outrageous proceedings is highly disapproved of by this House, and is a breach of the privilege of its members.

Resolved, That this resolution, together with the affidavits which the said members have thought proper to produce on the subject, be transmitted to the Supreme Executive Council, and that Council be requested to issue a proclamation, offering such rewards as they may deem necessary for apprehending the perpetrators of the said outrage, in order that they may be brought to punishment, and that this House will provide for the payment of such rewards:

And whereas, It is highly proper that the authors of such high contempts, so inconsistent with the dignity and good order of government, and of the most pernicious example, should be immediately discovered and brought to condign punishment: we do therefore by this our proclamation offer and promise the reward of three hundred dollars, for the discovery of the rioters aforesaid, so that they be duly convicted of the same offence, to be paid out of the public Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the person or persons who shall furnish the necessary information concerning the premises; and we do hereby charge and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs and Constables to make diligent search and inquiry after, and to

use their utmost endeavors to apprehend and secure the said rioters, their aiders, abettors and comforters, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

Attest—CHARLES BIDDLE, Sec'ry.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Pennsylvania ss.

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By an inquest held by the Coroner of the city and county of Philadelphia, it appears that Andrew Crusius, a Spanish sailor, was in the night of the twentieth ultimo, at the house of Magaret Bayley, in Southwark, beat and abused in such manner, by a certain Thomas Francis, that after languishing untill the twenty-eighth, he died:

And whereas, It is of the utmost importance that the perpetrator of a crime so horrid, should be brought to condign and exemplary punishment: we have, therefore, thought proper to issue this proclamation, hereby engaging that the public reward of one hundred dollars shall be paid to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure the said Thomas Francis, to be paid on his conviction for the same: and we do hereby charge and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs and Constables to make diligent search, inquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure the said Thomas Francis, so that he may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council under the hand of the President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

Attest.—CHARLES BIDDLE, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Christian Kucher,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	
George Ross,	David Redick,	
James Read,	John Baird,	
William Maclay,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Robert Traill,	George Woods,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	

The petition of Edward Pickering, convicted of larceny, praying a pardon, was read, and the prayer granted on condition of his leaving the State forthwith, never to return.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred pounds, being for one quarter's salary ending the 13th of October last.

The Comptroller General reported a plan of forty city lots situate on the south side of Lombard street, and between sixth and eighth streets, from the river Delaware.

Ordered, That the lots aforesaid be offered for public sale on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of this month.

Upon the petition of the parents and friends of Jacob Dryer, now confined in the jail of this city under sentence of death, praying a pardon, and also a respectable recommendation,

Ordered, That the said Jacob Dryer be and he hereby is pardoned.

Council being divided upon the question, "Shall the prayer of the said petition in favor of Jacob Dryer be granted?" the yeas and nays were called and were as follows, vizt:

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. President,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Maclay,
Mr. Dean,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Smilie,
Mr. Ross,	Mr. Redick,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Baird,
Mr. Traill,	Mr. Dennisen,
Mr. Kucher,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Woods,	
Mr. Edie.	

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Council proceeded to the election of a Health Officer, and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that John Jones, Esquire, was duly elected.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for nineteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, included.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 14th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Nathan Dennisen,	John Baird,	
Evan Evans,	Frederick Watt,	
Robert Traile,	Christian Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
George Woods,	Samuel Edie,	
George Ross,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	Henry Hill,	

Mr. Maclay, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Smilie, the committee appointed to make report to Council some amendment to the resolution of the twelfth day of April last, respecting the annual appointment of certain officers, reported the following resolve, which was adopted;

Resolved, That within five weeks after the election of President and Vice President, the Council shall annually examine into the conduct of all officers of Government whose appointments are in the power of Council, and likewise make inquiry respecting the circumstances of their respective bail, in order to remove those officers who may appear negligent or unfaithfull in the discharge of their duty, and to remedy any disputes that may appear respecting their sureties; and that the Secretary of Council he annually appointed, the eighth day after the election of the President and Vice President; and that the resolution of the twelfth of April last be rescinded.

Council proceeded to the appointment of officers, agreeably to the foregoing resolutions; and the ballots being taken for a number of candidates, it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected to the offices annexed to their names, respectively, vizt:

John Baynton, to be Collector of Tonnage.

Adam Hubley, to be Auctioneer for the district of Southwark.

Christian Sebiger, Auctioneer for the Northern Liberties.
John Patton, to be Auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia.
Lewis Farmer, Register for German passengers.
John Biddle, Measurer of all kinds of corn and salt.
Thomas Pritchett, Inspector of salted provisions.
John Helm, Sealer of Measurer; and
George Ingels, Inspector and Measurer of lumber.

A petition from John Skinner, who had contracted with Council for making good that part of the State road included between the east side of Clark's Gap and the Burnt Cabbins, in Cumberland county, praying to be allowed a compensation for his additional services, in carrying the said road beyond the limits of his contract, was read, and an order taken that the same be transmitted to the General Assembly.

A petition from said Skinner, addressed to the General Assembly, praying an allowance for the depreciation upon the paper money received by him as specie, in part payment upon his contract, was also transmitted to the Assembly.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter, for forty-two pounds three shillings and nine pence, due to her for her pension, according to the Comptroller's report of the fourteenth of September last.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer for fourteen pounds five shillings and ten pence, in favor of Henry Kammerer, for eight reams of writing paper furnished for the use of Council according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 15th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Nathan Dennisen,	John Baird,	
Evan Evans,	Frederick Watt,	
Robert Traill,	Christian Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
George Woods,	Samuel Edie,	
George Ross,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	Henry Hill,	

On motion,

Ordered, That a pardon issue to Alice Clifton, now under sentence of death, for the murder of her infant child.

The following gentlemen were appointed Wardens of the port: Joseph Dean, Nathaniel Falconer, Samuel Caldwell, Joseph Irvine, Elias Boys, Robert Baisley, Francis Gurney.

Clement Biddle was re-appointed Marshall of the Admiralty.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennison, Esquire, for forty-nine pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this Board, that the Indians have recently committed divers depredations on the frontier inhabitants of this State; therefore

Resolved, That the Lieutenants of the several frontier counties may, from time to time, order into actual service, for the protection of the inhabitants, such part of the militia of their respective counties as may appear to them, or any of them, necessary, not exceeding at any one time the proportion allowed by law.

John Patton, Esquire, Auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, offered James Craig and John Davis as his sureties, and Adam Hubley, Esquire, offered Adam Hubley, Esquire, of the House of Assembly, and Andrew Bunner, as his securities, as Auctioneer for the district of Southwark.

John Jones, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Montgomery, upon a return made according to law, for the district Upper and Lower Merion in said county.

Mr. Sadler of this city, house carpenter, obtained the permission of Council to use at the new court-house, during the winter season, some old sashes, the property of the public at the State house, he to be accountable for returning them when called for.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will consider whether they will go into the appointment of a Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 16th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	Frederick Watt,	
Robert Traill,	Christian Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
George Woods,	David Redick,	
George Ross,	James Read, and	
John Smilie,	Henry Hill,	
William Maclay,		

The petition of Christiana Schrefler, convicted of keeping a disorderly house, was read;

Ordered, That her punishment at hard labour for one year be remitted.

Upon the petition of Henry Schrefler, and recommendation of many respectable inhabitants,

Ordered, That the fine of fifty pounds imposed on him for keeping a disorderly house, be reduced to ten pounds.

The consideration of the minute of yesterday, respecting the office of Prothonotary, was postponed until to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 17th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Baird,	
Robert Traill,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Christian Kucher,	
George Woods,	Samuel Edie,	
George Ross,	James Read,	
John Smilie,	David Redick,	

Richard Parker is appointed Collector of Excise for Franklin county.

Adam Hubley, Andrew Bunner and James Coleman Fisher, were accepted securities for the office of Auctioneer for Southwark.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Comptroller General be directed to comply with the contract entered into with John Skinner, by procuring him specie or the value thereof for the amount of the said contract.

James Craig and John Davis were accepted as securities for John Patten, Auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the thirty-first of October last, inclusive.

In favor of the Honorable William Maclay, Esquire, for seventeen pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Robert Traill, Esquire, for twenty-eight pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

The petition of Henry Aughlerbaugh of Bucks county, praying Council to remit that part of one hogshead of rum, which belongs

to the Commonwealth, forfeited by him for not entering with the Collector of Excise the whole number of gallons said hogshead contained, was read, and an order taken that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, Council being of opinion that he did not intend to defraud the State.

Council proceeded to the consideration of the minute of the sixteenth instant, respecting the office of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas in the county of Philadelphia; whereupon a motion was made "That Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, be now removed from the said office;" and the question upon the foregoing being put, vizt:

"Shall Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, be removed from his office of Prothonotary?" it was determined in the negative.

Zebulon Butler and Abel Pierce, were offered and accepted as sureties for the Sheriffs of the county of Luzerne.

The fine imposed upon William Southern, upon being convicted of keeping a tippling house in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted, on condition that he pay his licence fees.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 19th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	Samuel Edie,	
James Read,	Christian Kucher,	
George Ross,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie,	
George Woods,	John Baird,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for thirty-six pounds, in full for his extra services for attendance as Doorkeeper upon the donation land lottery, from the first of October, 1786, until the first of October, 1787.

The petition of John Witherspoon, convicted of an assault and battery in the county of York, praying remission of the fine imposed upon him by the Court of Quarter sessions, for the said offence, and to be enlarged from his present confinement, was read, and the prayer thereof granted, he paying his fees.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the district of the township of Lack, in the county of Cumberland, stating some irregular proceedings at the election of Justices held in said district in March, 1786, and praying some relief in the premises, was read, and an order taken that Alexander Murrey, David McClure, and William

Bell, Esquires, living near the said district, be authorized to make inquiry into the facts stated in the remonstrance aforesaid, and report to Council in manner and form prescribed by an act of Assembly intituled "An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the election of Justices of the Peace throughout the State," &ca.

The fine due to the State imposed upon William Murray, Jun'r, upon his being convicted of an assault and battery in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The report of Willian Clingan, John Culbertson, and Isaac Taylor, Esquires, appointed to hear the evidence touching a disputed election of Justices of the Peace for the districts of the townships of Kennett, East and West Marlborough, in the county of Chester, was read and considered, and there appearing to Council sufficient reason for setting aside the said elections, an order was taken that the said election be set aside and made void.

Ordered, That a warrant for holding a new election in said district for Justices of the Peace, on the tenth day of December next, be now issued under the seal of the State.

Mr. Redick was appointed a member of the Board of Property during the remainder of the present month, in the room of Mr. Maclay, who is gone to visit his family.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, November 20th, 1787, Tuesday.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	David Redick,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christian Kucher,	
George Ross,	Frederick Watts,	
Samuel Edie,	John Smilie,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird, and	
George Woods,	Henry Hill,	

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will consider what is to be done respecting the Western road.

William Macoy was appointed in the room of Alexander Murrey, to hear the complaints against an election of Justices of the Peace for Lack township, Cumberland county.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for going into the consideration of the petitions from several people in Chester county, charged with divers fines for neglect of militia duty, and that on Friday next Council will take into consideration the proceedings

of the Orphans' Court and Comptroller General's report thereon, in the case of the children of William Shippen, deceased, respecting their pension.

The fine imposed upon Peter Blanchard, upon his being convicted of keeping a tipling House in the city of Philadelphia, was remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 21st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	David Redick,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christian Kucher,	
George Ross,	Frederick Watt,	
Samuel Edie,	John Smilie,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird, and	
George	Henry Hill,	

John Cannon, Esquire, took his seat at this Board agreeably to the return of the general election for the county of Huntington, having previously taken the necessary oaths.

The petition of Thomas Gordon, (attainted of high treason,) stating that the proceedings against him have been erroneous, and praying that process be instituted to try their validity, was read, and the consideration thereof postponed untill Monday next.

The consideration of the Western road, the several petitions from Chester county respecting militia fines, and a similar petition from Cumberland county, was postponed until to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 22d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
James Read,	George Ross,	
Frederick Watt,	Abraham Smith, and	
Samuel Edie,	John Cannon,	

The consideration of the order for this day was postponed until to-morrow.

The fine imposed upon Evan Evans, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Berks, upon his being convicted of fornication and bastardy, was remitted upon his petition and a recommendation from the said Court.

Council accepted the invitation of the Faculty of the University to attend the commencement to be held this day, and adjourned for that purpose.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 23rd, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	George Ross,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Frederick Watt,	John Cannon,	
Samuel Edie,	Christian Kucher, and	
David Redick,	Henry Hill,	
George Woods,		

Upon the petition of James Irvin, of Cumberland county, praying the remission of a militia fine imposed upon him in the year 1780, and it appearing that it was owing to an accident that he did not join the militia:

Ordered, That the fine be remitted.

Upon the petition of several people in Chester county, praying the remission of their militia fines:

Ordered, That the fines be remitted, so far as relates to those delinquents who were in 1777 within the enemies lines, and could not be legally warned.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Bingham, Esquire, for sixty-five pounds eleven shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress from the eighteenth of September, until the fourteenth of October, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence, in full for the expences of the Judges of the Supreme Court with their servants and attendance in going to hold Courts in the county of Northumberland, and returning from the twefth until the seventeenth of this month.

In favor of Major William Armstrong, for eight hundred pounds, for defraying the expences of running and marking the Northern Boundary of this State, for which sum he is to be accountable.

Joseph Coperthwaite, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Joseph Leacock, Coroner of the city and county of Philadelphia, upon a return made according to law.

The Attorney General made report in the case of John McCannon of Bucks county, referred to him on the third of last September, by which it appeared that a Judicial Process has been instituted for ascertaining the value of the land for which the petitioner has been evicted.

Ordered, That the said report be filed.

His opinion respecting the power of Council to pardon in certain cases, inclosing Charles Eddy's petition, which was referred to him, was also received and read, and an order taken that the said opinion be entered upon the minutes of Council.

THIRD STREET, November 22nd, 1787.

SIR:—Yesterday I received the inclosed petition from the Honorable Mr. Ross, who delivered to me the commands of Council, to report to them "whether they were authorized by the Constitution to grant the prayer of the petition, without the personal appearance of Charles Eddy, and before the identity of the person was ascertained, on a suggestion filed in the Supreme Court?"

The personal appearance of the party is certainly necessary, in order to reverse any outlawry or attainder, but it does not seem to be necessary to render him capable of receiving a pardon. The identity of the person will be sufficientiy established by his accepting a charter of pardon; on a suggestion filed, he might confess the fact, and he does as much when he receives the pardon. I beg leave to remark, that many difficulties be in the way of a reversal, which do not prevent the pardon of an attainder. Probably, because the effect of the latter is far short of that of the former. A reversal of the attainder restores the person to the situation he was in before, with all his rights, capacities, and privileges unimpaired. Even his estate, real and personal, or their value are to return to him. But a pardon will not restore to him any interest, which by his attainder was vested in the State, nor give him all the legal capacities he had before.

Except on impeachments Council have the full power of pardoning in all cases. This prerogative, however, in cases of treason and murder, cannot be exerted immediately on the attainder, but its exercise is restrained no longer than until the end of the next Sessions of Assembly. I conceive, that the Sessions referred to in this clause of the Constitutien, must be construed to mean, the Sessions next after the attainder. The restraint seems merely to prevent too hasty or precipitate a pardon of crimes so high in their degree, and proceeds upon the same principal with the Stat., 13, Reck, 2, which prohibits the king from pardoning those crimes, unless they be specially set forth in the charter of pardon. The reason and spirit of the clause, as well as the letter of it, seem to point to the attainder, as the time when the restriction commences, and which, there force, can last only till one Sessions of the Assembly be over.

I therefore beg leave to report to your Excellency and the Council, that I am of opinion that a pardon granted according to the prayer of the petition will be valid and effectual in all courts of justice.

I have the honour to be,

With great respect, your Excellencies

Most obedient and humble servant,

WILLIAM BRADFORD, junior.

The following gentlemen were appointed and commissionated justices of the peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Huntingdon, upon the returns made according to law for the districts following, to wit:

Thomas Duncan Smith, for the town of Huntingdon; John Williams, for the district of the township of Huntingdon; Thomas McCune, for the district of the townships of Tyrone; William Philips, for the districts of the township of Woodberry.

On motion,

Ordered, That Robert Galbraith, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated President of the Court of Common Pleas, the Orphans' Court and Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Jail Delivery in and for the county of Huntingdon.

And that Benjamin Elliott, Esquire, be appointed Lieutenant of the county aforesaid.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Skinner, for twenty-six pounds, being an allowance for his extra services and expences upon the Western road, and for extending the said road one and a quarter miles farther than by his contract he had engaged to do.

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Charles Eddy, (attainted of by high treason,) praying a pardon of the said offence, and also the recommendation of him accompanying the same; and thereupon, an order was taken, that the said Charles Eddy be pardoned—and a pardon under the Great Seal was directed to issue accordingly.

The farther consideration of the Western road, and of the proceedings of the Orphans' Court in favor of the children of William Shippen, deceased, was postponed.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Saturday, November 24th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	George Ross,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Frederick Watt,	John Cannon,	
Samuel Edie,	Christian Kucher,	
David Redick,	John Baird, and	
George Woods,	John Smilie,	

The Western Road as far as Bedford Town was confirmed, from thence to Fort Pitt the road to be reviewed. The courses and distances of the Western Road leading from the widow Miller's spring through Shippensburgh, as far as the town of Bedford, this day confirmed by Council, are as follows, vizt.:

Beginning at the widow Miller's spring at Mount Rock, south fifty-four and a half degrees, east four thousand one hundred and thirty-nine perches, south fifty-seven degrees, west eighty-four perches, north eighty-three and a half degrees, west two thousand six hundred and ninety perches, north eighty-five degrees, west four hundred and twenty-two perches, south eighty-three degrees, west two hundred perches, north forty-six degrees, west sixty-six perches, north thirty-eight degrees, west fifty-five perches, south seventy-nine degrees, west fifty-seven perches, north fifty-four degrees, west one hundred and ninety-six perches, south sixty-three degrees, west one hundred and eight-two perches, north sixty-five degrees, west seventy-eight perches, south sixty degrees, west one hundred and thirty-eight perches, south seventy-nine degrees, west one hundred and twenty-two perches, south sixty-two degrees, west eighty-eight perches, north eighty-six degrees, west forty perches, north sixteen degrees, east fifty-eight perches, north sixty degrees, west twenty perches, north eighty-nine degrees, west eighteen perches, south seventy-two degrees, west forty perches, south eighty-five degrees, west thirty perches, north fifteen degrees, west thirty perches, south eighty-seven degrees, west three hundred and eighteen perches, north sixty-eight degrees, west one hundred and eight perches, north eighty-eight degrees, west four hundred and ninety-eight perches, south sixty-seven degrees, west thirty-eight perches, south sixty-two degrees, west forty-four perches, south seventy-two degrees, west eighty-six perches, south sixty-nine degrees, west forty-eight perches, south eighty-eight degrees, west twenty perches, north thirty degrees, west eighteen perches, north fifty-five degrees, east twenty-four perches, north fifty-one degrees, west fourteen perches, north six degrees, east twenty-two perches, north nineteen

degrees, east fifty perches, north eight degrees, east thirty perches, north eighty-three degrees, west thirty-eight perches, north twenty-seven perches, north nineteen degrees, west eighteen perches, south seventy-three degrees, west thirty perches, north fifty-two degrees, west one hundred and eighty perches, north seventy-five degrees, west one hundred and forty-two perches, south eighty-eight degrees, west sixty-six perches, north thirty-five degrees, west fifty-six perches to the burnt cabbins, at or near James Jemmisan's, in Dublin township, in the county of Bedford; thence north seventy-seven degrees, west fifty-six perches, south eighty-three degrees, west ninety perches, north eighty-nine degrees, west forty-eight perches, south eighty-five degrees, west twenty-six perches, south sixty-nine degrees, west sixty-six perches, south seventy-nine degrees, west eighteen perches, north seventy-four degrees, west thirty perches, south seventy-four degrees, west seventy-two perches, south thirty-eight degrees, west one hundred and sixteen perches, south eleven degrees, west twenty-eight perches, south eighty-nine degrees, west eighteen perches, north fifty-nine degrees, west twenty-six perches, west eight perches, south seventy-one degrees, west eighteen perches, south eighty-two degrees, west one hundred and ten perches, south seventy-nine degrees, west thirty-three perches, south eighty-eight degrees, west thirty-one perches, south seventy-seven degrees, west forty-one perches, south fifty-eight degrees, west twenty perches, south forty-seven degrees, west seventeen perches, south seventy-five degrees, west twenty-two perches, south fifty-four degrees, west forty perches, south eighty-seven degrees, west thirty-four perches, south sixty-six degrees, west twenty-two perches, south fifty-five degrees, west fifty-two perches, south forty-two degrees, west thirty-two perches, south forty-nine degrees, west twenty perches, south sixty-eight degrees, west twenty eight perches to Bird's; thence north eighty-six degrees, west eighty perches, south sixty-five degrees, west sixty perches, south seventy degrees, west ninety perches to Fort Littleton; thence south sixty-four degrees, west sixty perches, south fifty-six degrees, west forty-two perches, south fifty-four degrees, west twelve perches, south thirty degrees, west twenty-six perches, south fifty-six degrees, west forty-four perches, south seventy-seven degrees, west thirty-eight perches, south forty-two degrees, west two hundred and twenty-two perches, south thirty degrees, west two hundred and twelve perches, south thirty-two degrees, west twenty-eight perches, south eighty-five degrees, west eighty-eight perches, north fifty-nine degrees, west one hundred perches, north seventy-three degrees, west twenty-two perches, north fifty perches, north forty-three degrees, west twenty-eight perches, north forty-eight degrees, west thirty perches, north seventy-eight degrees, west twenty perches, north eighty-six degrees, west fifteen perches, north sixty-three degrees, west twenty-four perches, north sixty-eight degrees, west twenty-two perches, south eighty-two degrees,

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perches, south seventy-three degrees, west ten perches, south sixty-three degrees, west twelve perches, south seventy degrees, west twenty perches, south fifty-six degrees, west eighty perches, to Hopewell township; thence south seventy-three degrees, west forty-four perches, to the top of Sideling hill; thence forty-nine degrees, west sixty-two perches, south fifty-seven degrees, west forty-four perches, south forty-three degrees, west fifty-four perches, south sixty-two degrees, west forty-four perches, south seventy-three degrees, west twenty perches, south twenty-four degrees, west forty-six perches, south fifty-three degrees, west twenty-six perches, south seventy degrees, west twenty perches, west one hundred perches, south eighty-five degrees, west twenty-two perches, north eighty-nine degrees, west twenty-two perches, south seventy-nine degrees, west fourteen perches, south eighty-eight degrees, west fifty-six perches, south fifteen degrees, west twenty-eight perches, south fifty-four degrees, west eighteen perches, south seventy-three degrees, west thirty-four perches, south sixty-two degrees, west thirty perches, south fifty-five degrees, west thirty-two perches, south forty-six degrees, west twenty perches, south thirty-two degrees, west twenty perches, south thirty-four degrees, west twenty-six perches, south fifty-two degrees, west one hundred and twelve perches, south eighty-seven degrees, west twenty-four perches, north eighty-three degrees, west twenty-four perches, south eighty-six degrees, west fifty-eight perches, to John Peck's, on Rayshill top; thence north sixty-eight degrees, west eight perches, south seventy-nine degrees, west ten perches, south twenty-five degrees, west fourteen perches, north eighty-seven degrees, west eight perches, south sixty-nine degrees, west thirty-eight perches, south forty degrees, west ninety perches, south fifty-five degrees, west one hundred and six perches, south forty-five degrees, west sixty-six perches, north sixty-two degrees, west fifty-two perches, to the foot of Rayshill; thence west seventy-two perches, south sixty-five degrees, west eighty perches, south eighty-two degrees, west twenty-six perches, north seventy-four degrees, west twenty-eight perches, south seventy-five degrees, west thirty-six perches, south eighty-five degrees, west fourteen perches, south seventy-one degrees, west twenty-eight perches, south eighty degrees, west twenty-four perches, north eighty-five degrees, west thirty perches, south sixty-seven degrees, west twenty-three perches, north sixty-five degrees, west forty-six perches, south fifty degrees, west thirty perches, south eighty-three degrees, west thirty-six perches, south sixty-nine degrees, west eighteen perches, south fifty-eight degrees, west twenty perches, south eighty degrees, west twenty-four perches, south sixty-five degrees, west ten perches, south eighty-five degrees, west fifty-two perches, north sixty-nine degrees, west seventy-two perches, north sixty-two degrees, west twenty-two perches, north eighty-six degrees west twenty-six perches, south sixty-one degrees, west thirty perches, south forty-seven degrees, west twenty-eight perches, north

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west thirty-seven perches, south thirty-nine degrees, west sixty perches, to Bedford creek; thence south eighty-six degrees, west 160 perches through Bedford town.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Stock for two pounds fifteen shillings, amount of his account for glazing done at the Court room in the State House, by order of the Supreme Court.

Upon a letter from Jacob Wink of Bedford county, in behalf of himself and William Alexander who attended as witnesses upon the late contested election for Bedford county, requesting payment of their expences in attending as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of Bedford county, be directed to pay to said Jacob Wink and William Alexander and other witnesses who attended in like manner the several sums due for their expences as aforesaid, agreeably to the certificates they have received.

A letter from Nathaniel Falconer, Esquire, requesting leave to resign his office of Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, was read and his resignation accepted, Whereupon Council proceeded to fill up the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation, and the ballots being taken it appeared that James Montgomery, Esquire, was duly elected.

A petition of Robert Chalpant of Chester county, was read and postponed until Monday.

The further consideration of the case of the children of William Shippen, deceased, was postponed until Monday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 26th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	David Redick,	Esquires.
George Ross,	John Cannon,	
Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie, and	
James Read,	Samuel Dean,	
George Woods,		

On consideration,

Resolved, That Lieutenant Joseph Ashton be promoted to a Captaincy in Colonel Harman's regiment, vice Captain Finney, resigned, and that the senior Ensign in the Pennsylvania quota, be promoted to the Lieutenancy vacated by the promotion of Lieutenant Ashton.

Resolved, That Robert Thompson, (son of the late General Thompson,) be appointed an Ensign in the troops now under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Harmer.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Surveyor General be desired to inform Council whether he claims any fees from his deputies for surveys made since he became a salary officer.

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Thomas Gordon, (attainted of high treason,) stating that he was under lawful age at the time of his attainder, and that therefore the proceedings against him have been erroneous, and praying Council to direct the Attorney General to file a suggestion in the Supreme Court against him, to determine the validity of the said proceedings. Sundry depositions and papers accompanying the said petition being also considered; thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Christian Kucher,	
George Woods,	James Read,	
David Redick,	George Ross, and	
John Cannon,	Henry Hill,	
Frederick Watt,		

A letter from Francis Gurney, requesting leave to resign his office of Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, was read, and his resignation accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will appoint a Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, in the room of Francis Gurney.

Complaint having been made that some of the Prothonotarys do not live in a convenient part of the county,

Resolved, That it is expected by Council the Prothonotary should hold his office in the town or place where the seat of justice is established by law.

Ordered, That the Comptroller General be requested to furnish Council with an account of all the public arms delivered to the Lieutenants of the city of Philadelphia, and the Lieutenants of all the counties in the State.

On motion,

Ordered, That a pardon issue to Sarah Williams, now under sentence of death for the murder of her infant child.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for ninety-seven pounds seventeen shillings and four pence, amount of his account for ammunition purchased and sent to the Lieutenant of the Western frontiers, agreeable to an order of Council of the twelfth instant.

In favor of the widow and children of Henry McCracken, late of Northumberland county, deceased, for fifty-one pounds seventeen shillings, for their pension from the twenty-fourth of September, 1780, until the twenty-eighth of June, 1786, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 28th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	James Read,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	George Ross,	
George Woods,	Samuel Dean,	
David Redick,	John Smilie,	
John Cannon,	Henry Hill, and	
Frederick Watt,	Evan Evans,	
Christian Kucher,		

Council proceeded to the appointment of a Warden of the Port, in the room of Francis Gurney, when William Allibone was appointed.

A resolution of the House, communicating the appointment of the Honorable William Irvine, Samuel Meredith, John Armstrong, Junior, William Bingham, and James R. Reed, delegates to Congress for the present federal year, was read, and the gentlemen elected commissionated.

The Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, having requested leave to resign his commission of Lieutenant of the county of Franklin, his resignation was accepted.

The Honorable George Woods, Esquire, requested leave to resign his commission of Lieutenant of Bedford county, and his resignation was accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next be the order of the day to appoint Lieutenants for the counties of Bedford and Franklin.

The petition of John Mines, and recommendation of the jury and others, was read, and his fine and punishment at hard labour, was remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for one hundred pounds, for defraying the expence of laying out a town, &ca., on the reserved tract opposite Pittsburgh, for which sum he is to be accountable.

Ordered, That Mr. Redick be directed to have the island in the Ohio river, marked in the plan to be two hundred and eighty perches long, and the island in the Allegany, mentioned to be two hundred and fifty perches long, surveyed, and a return made to Council, in order to have them sold.

Benjamin Rush, and James Hutchinson, Esquires, were continued Physicians to examine the sick arriving at this Port.

Andrew Porter, and Andrew Elliott, Esquires, Commissioners from the State of Pennsylvania, and Abraham Hardenberg, and William W. Morris, Esquires, Commissioners from the State of New York, made report in writing, of their having compleated the boundary line between the said States, in the parallel of forty-two degrees of north latitude, beginning at the river Delaware, and extending to a meridian line drawn from the south-west corner of Pennsylvania, which was read, and ordered to be filed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 29th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esq'rs.
Evan Evans,	Frederick Watt,	
George Ross,	John Smilie,	
Christian Kucher,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie, and	
James Read,	David Redick,	
George Woods,		

Council adjourned to attend the exercises in speaking to be performed at Zion Church, at nine o'clock this morning, agreeably to an invitation from the Minister and Vestry of that Church.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 30th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	
George Woods,	Evan Evans,	
David Redick,	James Read,	
John Cannon,	Christian Kucher,	
Frederick Watt,	Samuel Dean,	

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Lieutenant for the counties of Bedford, when Hugh Barclay, Esquire, was appointed.

The appointment of a Lieutenant for Franklin, was postponed until to-morrow.

The Committee appointed to draw up rules and regulations for conducting business in Council, made report of certain rules, which were read and adopted as follows, vizt:

Rules and Regulations for the Supreme Executive Council.

1st. When the President or Vice President assumes the Chair, the members shall take their seats.

2nd. The minutes of the preceding day shall be read by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, before the Council proceeds to any other business. Errors or may be corrected, but no debate shall be admitted, nor question taken at such reading respecting the determination of the former day.

3rd. Any member presenting a petition, memorial, or other papers, shall first mention the general import of the same.

4th. Every motion made and seconded, shall be reduced in writing if requested by the President, Vice President, or two members.

5th. All petitions, memorials, or other papers, shall be subject to no other questions on the first reading, save that of their lying on the table, but may be taken up by special order in case of haste or emergency.

6th. Any member presenting any paper, offering any motion, to have liberty to withdraw the same with pleasure.

7th. Business regularly before Council not to be delayed, but, nevertheless, subject to a reasonable debate, postponement, commitment, amendment, or the previous questions, which last, if called for by three members, precludes any other proceeding.

8th. If business of different kinds, should be called for at the same time by different members, the President or Vice President who fills the Chair at the time, shall judge and give preference accordingly.

9th. In all debates the members shall address the Chair, and conduct themselves with decency. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, nor shall he speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave obtained from the Chair.

10th. The President or Vice President who shall fill the Chair for the time being, shall be judge of all questions of order, and may call the transgressing members to order as often as they infringe the aforesaid rules. But any member is allowed to explain himself, and on being seconded, shall be entitled to the decision of Council.

11th. The most inviolable secresy to be observed, as often as the same is enjoined from the Chair.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 1st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	Henry Hill,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Evan Evans,	
George Woods,	James Read,	
David Redick,	Christian Kucher,	
John Cannon,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watts,	John Baird, and	
George Ross,	Samuel Dean,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Frederick Watt, Esquire, for twenty-seven pounds, in full for his attendance in Council to this day, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Evan Evans, Esquire, for thirty-two pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council untill Monday next, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable George Woods, Esquire, for thirty-two pounds, for his attendance as Councillor elect from Bedford county, from the first untill the twenty-eight of February, 1787, and for his mileage.

Upon the petition of William Alexander, merchant, of Virginia, setting forth that two cases of merchandize were by mistake for two cases of bottled viniger, shiped from Virginia to Mr. Robert Morris,

Ordered, That Sharp Delany, Esquire, be notified that he has permission to cancel Mr. Robert Morris' bond given for the payment of the duties on the two cases of merchandize mentioned in the said petition, and to send, by the best conveyance, the goods to Mr. Alexander, the petitioner.

Agreeable to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the election of a Lieutenant for Franklin county; when Jeremiah Talbot was duly elected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 3d, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
David Redick,	Christian Kucher,	
John Cannon,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	Samuel Dean,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for forty-five pounds, in full for his attendance in Council to this day, inclusively.

In favor of the guardian of the children of Captain William Shippen, deceased, for the sum of one hundred pounds, in part of the pension due to them.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 4th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	George Ross,	
George Woods,	James Read,	
David Redick,	Christian Kucher, and	
John Cannon,	Samuel Dean,	

On motion,

Resolved, That the Lieutenants of the city and several counties within the State, be directed to collect all the public arms within their respective counties, have them repaired, and make return to Council, with the accounts and vouchers necessary, for payment.

The Surveyor General, in answer to the resolve of the twenty-sixth ultimo, having informed Council that he had received some fees from the Deputy Surveyors, and wishing to have the directions of Council whether he should continue to receive them, and their advice about the appointment of Deputy Surveyors.

Resolved, That the Surveyor General be informed that it is the opinion of Council that the fees he mentions to have been custo-

mary, was proper previous to his being otherwise paid for his services, but he ought not to exact any from the Deputy Surveyors since the time of his becoming a salary officer, and that he should instruct his deputies accordingly.

It is also the opinion of Council that, agreeable to the late law, no Deputy Surveyor ought to hold districts in different counties at the same time, and that all Deputies, whether appointed before or after the late law, except to take the oath of office, agreeably to said law.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for fifteen pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

In favor of Joseph Dolby, for six pounds, in full for ringing the bells upon the proclamation of the President and Vice President, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for seven pounds nine shillings, ballance due upon his account for purchasing fire wood, and for his wages as Door-keeper to Council, for November, 1787.

In favor of Doctor Andrew Ledlie, for three pounds one shilling and nine pence, in full of his account for medicines, dressings, and attendance upon sundry wounded militia sent to Wioming in the year 1784.

A petition from Richard Wells and John Clifford, praying Council to assign to them that part of the forfeiture of the ship Anna which belongs to the Commonwealth, was read, and the consideration thereof postponed until Thursday next.

The fine and punishment at hard labor to which Joshua Hatfield was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia, was remitted upon his petition and recommendation of him by the Street Commissioners and others.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 5th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie,	
George Woods,	John Baird,	
Jonn Cannon,	George Ross,	
Frederick Watt,	James Read,	
Christian Kucher,	Henry Hill,	

Upon the petition of Charles Hall, in favor of his son, Stephen Hall, convicted at the Court of Quarter Sessions for Lancaster county, of horse stealing,

Ordered, That the fine and punishment of the said Stephen Hall to hard labour, be remitted, on condition of his transporting himself out of the State.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Ross, were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of William Turnbull, Esquire.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Catharine Thompson, widow and relict of Brigadier William Thompson, for seventy pounds six shillings and three pence, being due to her for pension, from the third day of September, untill the third day of December, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated the first day of March, 1780.

Upon the petition of Thomas Loyd, an order was taken that the Doorkeeper be directed to take, for the use of Council, three copies of the pamphlet published by said Lloyd, entituled "the proceedings and debates of the General Assembly.

The Honorable the Vice President attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 6th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBEG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
George Woods,	Christian Kucher,	
John Cannon,	Samuel Dean, and	
Frederick Watt,	Henry Hill,	

The fine of Eleanor Wright, and Mary McConn, convicted at the Quarter Sessions held at Philadelphia the third of September last, was remitted.

The further consideration of the petition of Richard Wells, and John Clifford, was postponed untill to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Comptroller General be requested to furnish Council with an account of what money was due the State from the sale of the ship Anne, and the porter seized on board of her.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable George Woods, Esquire, for thirty-seven pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the first of November last until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the widow of Captain Walker Denny, late of the Cumberland county militia, deceased, for two hundred and twenty-five pounds, out of the money arising from militia fines in said

county, being due for her pension, according to an order of Orphans' Court dated the twentieth of February, 1787, and an act of Assembly passed on the twentieth day of March, 1780.

The Honorable the Vice President attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 7th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
George Woods,	Christian Kucher,	
John Cannon,	Samuel Dean,	
Frederick Watt,	Henry Hill,	

On motion,

Ordered, That the Attorney General, the Comptroller General, the Naval Officer, and Mesrs. John Clifford, Richard Wells, and Benjamin G. Eyres, be requested to attend Council to-morrow at ten o'clock.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Solomon Adams, for twenty-five pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for thirty-four days' service in laying out the road from Frankstown, in Bedford county, to the Loyal Hannan, in Westmoreland county, under orders from Council dated April the sixth last, and agreeably to the Comptroller General's report.

The petition of Thomas Reynolds, and Richard Skinner, convicted of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, and sentenced to hard labour under the late penal law, praying a pardon of the said offence, was read, together with a certificate from Doctor Duffield, of their both being severely ruptured; thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, on condition of their leaving the State not to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 8th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
George Woods,	Christian Kucher,	
John Cannon,	Samuel Dean,	
Frederick Watt,	Henry Hill,	

John Martin, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Franklin, upon a return made according to law for the district of Franklin township.

The fines and forfeitures to the Commonwealth, incurred by George McGlaughlin, for neglecting to enter two hogsheads of rum with the Collector of Excise in the county of Lancaster, and by John Brannon, for neglecting to enter in like manner one hogshead of rum, were remitted upon their several petitions.

The Attorney General and Messrs. Eyres, Phile, and Nicholson, attended agreeably to notice, and furnished Council with some information respecting the sale of the ship Anna.

The further consideration of the petition of Messrs. Wells and Clifford, was postponed untill Monday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 10th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	Christian Kucher,	Esquires.
Abraham	Samuel Dean,	
John Cannon,	Henry Hill,	
Frederick Watt,	John Smilie,	
George Ross,	John Baird,	
James Read,		

The petition of David Richey of Dauphin county, praying the remission of the punishment at hard labor of his Negro slave Bristol, convicted at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Louisburg, for the county of Dauphin, the twenty-third day of October, 1786, of

burglary and sentenced to undergo a servitude of five years, was read, and the servitude of five years at hard labour were remitted.

Complaint being made to Council by Charles Hallsted, Esquire, Swedish Consul, of rude and violent behaviour of two constables, sent to his house by James Loughead,

Ordered, That James Loughead, with the two constables, be directed to attend Council to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Hans Morrison, Esquire, for sixteen pounds twelve shillings and six pence, ballance due to him in specie upon his account as late Sub-Lieutenant of York county, from the time of his appointment in April, 1777, untill March, 1780, according to the Comptroller General's report, this sum being paid to him to enable him to procure a sum of State money towards discharging a ballance due by him to the Commonwealth in State money.

The fine of fifteen pounds imposed upon Thomas Bailey of Bucks county, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, for neglecting to execute the office of Collector of militia fines in the county aforesaid, was remitted, upon a recommendation from the court and in consideration of his extreme poverty.

The further consideration of the petition of Messrs. Wells and Clifford, was postponed untill Wednesday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 11th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
John Cannon,	Christian Kucher,	
Frederick Watt,	Samuel Dean,	

On motion,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to have the irons taken off of Jacob Dryer, and that thirty days from the time he is taken from jail be allowed him to leave the United States.

James Loughead, Esquire, and the Constables, appeared to answer the complaint made by the Swedish Consul; they declared they did not know the house was the Consul's.

Ordered, That Mr. Loughead be requested to write an apology to the Consul for the behaviour of the Constables.

The Comptroller General reported a plan of city lots, numbered from 2276 to 2315, situate on the south side of Lombard street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets from Delaware, and between Seventh and Eighth streets from Schuylkill.

Ordered, That the lots aforesaid be offered for public sale on Wednesday the twenty-sixth instant, at six o'clock in the evening, at the Coffee House.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Leeson Simmons, for depreciation on money received in May, 1779, was read and approved.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Clement Biddle, Esquire, for seventy-eight pounds and seven pence, in full of his account for rations furnished to the Invalid corps from August the first until October the thirty-first, 1787, inclusive, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of John Nicholson, for seventy-five pounds, towards defraying the contingent expences of his office, and for fire wood for the guards, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of William Rees for ten shillings, for work done by him in the State House lot.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 12th, 1787, December.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	Christian Kucher,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie,	
John Cannon,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watt,	George Ross,	
James Read,		

The further consideration of Messrs. Wells and Clifford's petition was postponed until Monday next.

The Vice President attended the Board of property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 13th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	Christian Kucher,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie,	
John Cannon,	George Ross,	
Frederick Watt,	John Baird,	
James Read,		

The petition of John Rinn, convicted at the Court of Quarter Sessions for Cumberland county of larceny, was read.

Ordered, That the servitude for one year at hard labour, to which he was sentenced, be remitted.

The fine of Peter Spene, convicted at the Quarter Sessions for Philadelphia county, the third day of September, 1787, of an assault and battery, was remitted.

At the request of the Convention, Council agreed to attend the Procession to the Court House this day at twelve o'clock, to announce to the people the ratification of the proposed Constitution.

The procession was as follows, vizt:

ORDER OF PROCESSION,

To be observed on Thursday, December the thirteenth, 1787, at twelve o'clock, upon announcing to the public the ratification of the Federal Constitution by this State.

Constables with their staves.

Sub-Sheriffs with their wands.

High Sheriff and Coroner with their wands.

Judges of the Supreme Court, and Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.

Attorney General and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.

Marshal of the Admiralty.

Judge and Register of the Admiralty.

Wardens of the port of Philadelphia.

Naval Officer, Collector of the Customs, and Tonnage Officer.

Treasurer and Comptroller General.

Secretary of the Land Office.

Receiver General and Surveyor General.

Justices of the Peace.

Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, and Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions.

Clerk of the City Court.

Master of the Rolls and Register of Wills

Assistant Secretary of the Council.
Secretary of the Council.
His Excellency the President, and Honorable the Vice President.
Members of the Council, two and two.
Door-keeper of the Council.
Messenger of the Convention.
Secretary of the Convention.
Honorable the President of the Convention.
Members of the Convention, two and two.
Door-keeper of the Convention.
Delegates of Congress.
Provost and Faculty of the University.
Officers of the Militia.
Citizens.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Irvine and James R. Reed, Esquires, for the sum of seventy pounds to each, in part of their pay as Delegates from this State to Congress, for which several sums they are to be accountable.

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as Vice President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for forty-three pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the twenty-fifth day of October untill the thirteenth day of December, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 14th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	James Read,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Christian Kucher,	
John Cannon,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	George Ross,	

The Attorney General made report upon the case of the Surveyors of Donation Lands, respecting payment of the fees upon the lots remaining in the lottery wheels.

Upon consideration,

Ordered, That the Comptroller General be directed to settle with the said Surveyors for the lots so remaining in the wheel undrawn.

The Vice President attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 15th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie	Christian Kucher,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	George Ross,	
John Cannon,	John Smilie, and	
Frederick Watt,	John Baird,	
James Read,		

Jacob Wink and William Alexander, who attended Council as witnesses in the contested election of Bedford county, were ordered a certificate of their being allowed twelve days for their attendance as witnesses upon the business aforesaid.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Elliott, for eleven pounds seven shillings and eight pence, in full for his attendance as a member of the Conferrence of Committees for Cumberland county in 1776, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 17th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
George Ross,	John Baird,	
Christian Kucher,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,		

The further consideration of the several memorials of Richard Wells and Company, respecting the ship Anna, was postponed untill to-morrow.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, ending the thirteenth instant, according to the late act of Assembly.

In favor of Mr. Robert Aitken, for eighty-five pounds ten shillings and one pence, in full for printing and stationary for the Comptroller's Office until the fifteenth instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 18th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esq'rs.
George Ross,	John Smilie,	
Christian Kucher,	Henry Hill,	
Frederick Watt,	James Reed,	
John Cannon,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,		

The petition of Francis Pendrick, convicted at a Court of Quarter Sessions held for the city and county of Philadelphia for June, 1787, and the recommendation from the Commissioners, was read.

Ordered, That the fine and servitude of eighteen months be remitted.

Council resumed the consideration of the return and survey of the proposed road from Frankstown Branch of Juniata, to the Conemaugh, at the mouth of the Blacklick, and thence down the south side of said river to the mouth of Loyal Hannon, made by Charles Campbell, James Harris and Solomon Adams, Commissioners appointed for that purpose, as follows, vizt:—Beginning at a button wood tree on William Holliday's land, on the bank of the Frankstown Branch of Juniata; thence south fifty-seven degrees, west one hundred and two perches, south eighty-three degrees, west one hundred and ten perches, south seventy-six and a half degrees, west seven hundred and seven perches, south eighty-two degrees, west one hundred and thirty-six perches, north seventy-seven degrees, west two hundred and six perches, north fifty-five degrees, west sixty-eight perches, west twenty-two perches, north sixty degrees, west five hundred and forty-two perches, north eighty degrees, west one hundred and eighty perches, north thirty degrees, west three hundred and twenty perches, north seventy degrees, west two hundred and ten perches, north fifty degrees, west sixty perches, south eighty-two degrees, west one hundred perches, north fifty degrees, west one hundred and eighty perches, north twenty-three degrees, west forty perches, north seventy-seven degrees, west forty-four perches, south seventy-four degrees, west one hundred and forty perches, north forty-five degrees, west one hundred and fifty-two perches, south eighty-seven degrees, west one hundred and forty-perches, south eighty degrees, west two hundred and ninety perches, west twenty perches, north seventy degrees, west five hundred and twelve perches, west forty perches, south sixty-two degrees, west

one hundred and fifty-eight perches, south eighty-eight degrees, west eighty-six perches, south fifty-eight degrees, west sixty-two perches, south thirty-two degrees, west ninety-six perches, south one hundred and twenty perches, south thirty eight degrees, west ninety perches, south twenty-five degrees, west forty perches, south ten degrees, west one hundred and fourteen perches, north seventy-four degrees, west forty-eight perches to a branch of Conemaugh; thence south sixty-five degrees, west forty-two perches, north eighty-five degrees, west one hundred and forty perches, south seventy-five degrees, west six hundred and twenty perches, west five hundred and fifty perches, north sixty-five degrees, west three hundred and eighty perches, north fifty-eight degrees and a half, west six hundred and seventy-five perches, west six hundred perches to the summit of Laurel Hill; thence south thirty-four degrees, west three hundred and forty perches, south forty-eight degrees, west one hundred and sixty perches, north seventy-five degrees, west forty perches, north fifty-nine degrees, west two hundred and twenty-four, north thirty-two degrees, west thirty perches, north sixty-three degrees, west one hundred and ninety-one perches, south eighty-one degrees, west two hundred and eighty-six perches, north sixty degrees, west one hundred and fifty-six perches, north seventy-two degrees, west ninety-four perches, north thirty-seven degrees, west eighty-nine perches, north eighty-five degrees, west one hundred and thirty-two perches, north sixty-three degrees, west one hundred and sixty-six perches, south eighty-four degrees, west five hundred and eighteen perches, west fifty-two perches, south eighty-two degrees, west three hundred and forty-six perches, north eighty degrees, west one hundred and eighteen perches, south seventy degrees, west ninety three perches, north seventy-two degrees, west three hundred perches, south eighty-five degrees, west two hundred and thirty perches, south fifty-eight degrees, west forty-six perches, south seventy-five degrees, west ninety two perches, south eighty-eight degrees, west three hundred and forty-four perches, south eighty-two degrees, west one hundred and sixty-eight perches, south seventy-two degrees, west two hundred and twenty-three perches, south fifty-eight degrees, west eighty perches to the Round top; thence north sixty-eight degrees, west three hundred and eight perches, north seventy-five degrees, west one hundred and fifty perches, south seventy-seven degrees, west forty-four perches, north seventy-one degrees, west eighty perches, south eighty degrees, west two hundred and twenty-eight perches, south sixty-six degrees, west two hundred and sixty perches, north seventy-eight degrees, west two hundred and forty-eight perches to a white-oak standing on the bank of the river Conemaugh, about twenty perches above the mouth of Black Lick creek; thence across the river Conemaugh south eighty-eight degrees, west one hundred and fifty-two perches, north eighty four degrees, west seventy-four perches, south seventy-five degrees, west one hundred and four perches, west one

hundred and forty-four perches, south sixty degrees, west eighty perches, south eighty-seven degrees, west sixty-six perches, north fifty-nine degrees, west twenty-two perches, south twenty-two degrees, west sixteen perches, west twenty-eight perches, south forty-three degrees, west fifty-two perches, south eighty-three degrees, west fifty-two perches, north fifty-nine degrees, west eighty perches, north seventy-seven degrees, west fifty-four perches, south thirty-six degrees, west forty perches, south eighty-eight degrees, west twenty-eight perches, north sixty three degrees, west thirty-eight perches, north thirty degrees, west twenty-eight perches, north sixty-eight degrees, west forty-two perches, north forty-four degrees, west ninety-five perches, south seventy-nine degrees, west one hundred and four perches, south fifty-nine degrees, west seventy-four perches, south eighty-eight degrees, west forty-six perches, north sixty-nine degrees, west eighty-six perches, west twenty-two perches, south forty-nine degrees, west seventy-six perches, south eighty degrees, west sixteen perches, north twenty-six degrees, west seventy-six perches, north fifty degrees, west sixty perches, north eighty-six degrees, west thirty perches, north eighteen degrees, west eighty-six perches, norty forty-eight degrees, west four hundred and twenty-four perches, north twenty-two degrees, west eighty-six perches, north sixty-two degrees, west eighty-two perches, north thirty-one degrees, west twenty perches, north ten degrees, west one hundred and thirty-eight perches, north forty-four degrees, west eighty perches, north thirty-two degrees, west forty-four perches to a Locust tree.

The following are the distances from Frankstown Branch Juniata, by the aforesaid highway, vizt: To the top of Allegany mountain nine miles, to a branch of Conemaugh seven miles, to the top of Laurel Hill ten miles, to the Round Top thirteen and a half miles, to the mouth of Blacklic Creek four miles, to the mouth of Loyal Hannon eight miles and three-quarters, making in the whole fifty-two and one-quarter miles.

Whereupon the board were of opinion that the same ought to be confirmed, and the said road is accordingly adjudged to be forever a public road or highway, and that it be opened of the breadth of fifty feet, where it requires digging it is to be only twelve feet, and to be recorded in the Council books, as the law directs

Ordered, That advertisements be published in the Philadelphia, Carlisle and Pittsburgh newspapers for any person or persons willing to contract for making the said road, to send in their proposals to Council on or before the first day of April next.

The further consideration of the memorials of Richard Wells and Company, was postponed till to-morrow.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Stephen Balliet, Esquire, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, ballance due full of his account for his services as a Commissioner for ascertaining and settling the claims of Connecticut people seated at and near Wioming.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 19th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
George Ross,	John Baird,	
Christian Kucher,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	Henry Hill, and	
John Cannon,	James Read,	

The petition of Thomas McIntire, now confined in the jail of the county of Philadelphia, praying remission of a fine of fifty pounds imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, upon being convicted of an assault and battery—was read, and the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt.:

In favor of Doctor James Hutchinson, for sixty-three pounds six shillings, in full of his account for medicine and attendance upon the Pennsylvania Guards, from April, 1786, untill December 1st, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's Report.

In favor of Colonel Andrew Porter, for three hundred and fifty pounds ten shillings and ten pence; and in favor of Andrew Ellicott, Esquire, for three hundred and twenty-seven pounds five shillings and three pence, being the several balances due upon their accounts for their services as Commissioners appointed to run and mark the northern boundary of this State, and for their travelling expences, according to the Comptroller General's Report.

In favor of Griffith Evans, for forty-two pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence, ballance due upon his account as clerk to the Commissioners for ascertaining and confirming to Connecticut claimants the lands by them claimed in the county of Luzerne, from July the first, till October the seventh, 1787, and for stationary furnished by him.

The further consideration of the memorials from Richard Wells and Company, respecting the ship Anna—was postponed untill Friday next.

On consideration of Major Armstrong's application respecting payment to the labouring people employed on the northern boundary, it was agreed to enable Major Armstrong to comply with his contract.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 20th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esq'rs.
George Ross,	John Baird,	
Christian Kucher,	John Smilie, and	
Frederick Watt,	James Read,	
John Cannon,		

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Isaac Taylor, (attainted of high treason,) praying a pardon of the said offence.

Ordered, That a pardon under the Great Seal issue to the said Isaac Taylor.

The petition of George Watt, convicted at the City Court, the twenty-third of April, 1787, of larceny, and sentenced to a fine of nine shillings and a servitude of one year—was read and the fine and servitude remitted.

The Comptroller General's Report upon the account of Brigadier General Richard Humpton, for monies received by him from Daniel Levan, Treasurer of Berks county, for the recruiting service 1782—was read and approved.

The petition of Philip Cook, convicted at the City Court, July sessions, 1787, of larceny, and sentenced to undergo a servitude of two years—was read, and the servitude remitted.

Jacob Sunkles, convicted at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at Philadelphia, the seventeenth day of September, 1787, of a misdemeanor, and servitude to hard labour—petition was read and the servitude at hard labour remitted.

The petition of Joseph Perkins was read, and he being recommended as a proper person to repair the public arms in the city and county of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the city and the Lieutenant of the county of Philadelphia be directed to employ the said Joseph Perkins for the purpose aforesaid.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt.:

In favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, for forty-four pounds thirteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council, from the twenty-ninth of October, untill the twenty-second of December, 1787, and his mileage.

In favor of Elizabeth Leiby, of Northampton county, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full of her account for medicine, attendance, and boarding wounded militia and new levies belonging to this State, in 1778, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the widow and children of Michael Lepley, deceased, late of the Northumberland county militia, for fifty-one pounds twelve shillings and five pence, being their pension from the twenty-sixth of April, 1779, until the fifth of September, 1786.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 21st, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
George Ross,	John Baird	
Christian Kucher,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	James Read,	
John Cannon,	Henry Hill,	

The petition of Edward Pole, praying to be appointed a Notary and Tabellion public, was read:

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted. He was commissionated accordingly.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer:

In favor of the Honorable John Baird, Esquire, for twelve pounds, ballance due upon his account for his attendance in Council from the tenth day of November untill the twenty-first of December, 1787, the last day inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, in full for one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the eighteenth instant.

In favor of Alexander McDowell, Esquire, for one hundred and three pounds ten shillings, being the residue of the surveying fees of the donation lands undrawn in his district, No. 8, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 22nd, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
George Ross,	John Baird,	
Christian Kucher,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	James Read,	
John Cannon,	Henry Hill,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Griffith Evans, for two hundred and seventeen pounds, being the residue

of the surveying fees of the donation lots, undrawn in his districts, No. 3, and part of No. 1 and 2, according to the Comptroller General's report.

WHEREAS, Divers inhabitants of the county of Bedford, have prayed that the State highway appointed by Act of Assembly of the twenty-fifth of September, 1785, may be confirmed and made good:

And whereas, The money appropriated by the said Act of Assembly, is insufficient for making the said road sixty feet wide, as the law directs, and Council being desirous of complying with the said request as far as the money appropriated will admit; Therefore.

Ordered, That such part of the said road as leads from this side of Sideling Hill to the opposite side of Rayshill, in the county of Bedford, be cleared and made good and sufficient to be twelve feet wide on the sides of the hills or among the rocks, and not less than twenty feet wide on the other ground, and room to be made for not less than three waggons to draw off to the one side in the narrow places, at a convenient distance for others to pass by, and the waters to run next to the hills side.

Ordered, That public notice be given that proposals for doing the aforesaid work, will be received at the Secretary's office at Philadelphia, untill the first day of April, next.

John Pearson, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Chester, upon a return made according to law, for the district composed of the townships of Darby, Upper Darby, Haverford, and Radnor.

Mr. Pearson was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Chester.

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Richard Wells and John Clifford, stating "that they have been severe sufferers by the condemnation of the ship Anna, and praying that the part of the forfeiture which is now in the power of Council to grant may be assigned to them;" and after some time spent thereon, the following question was put, vizt: "Will the Board grant to the late owners of the ship Anna, all that part or share forfeited to the State, which it may appear the State hath now right to grant?" and determined in the negative.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called, and were as follows:

YEAS:	NAYS:	NAYS:
The Vice President,	Mr. Smith,	The President,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Cannon.	Mr. Read,
Mr. Dean,		Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kucher,		Mr. Baird,
Mr. Ross.		Mr. Smilie.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
John Smilie,	Abraham Smith,	
George Ross,	John Cannon,	

Council took into consideration the case of Thomas Wigley, now confined at hard labour in this city; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Thomas Wigley be informed that Council will pardon him, whenever he can procure a vessel, and will engage to transport himself therein beyond the seas, and will not return to the United States.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 27th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Abraham Smith, and	
George Ross,	John Cannon,	
James Read,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, and in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, in full for their salaries as Judges of the Supreme Court, for one quarter's, ending the twenty-fifth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, for fifty-nine pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the twenty-fourth of October till the thirty-first of December, 1787, inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 29th, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
George Ross,	Nathan Dennisen,	
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Smilie, Esquire, for one hundred and forty-seven pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the twelfth of June untill the thirty-first of December, 1787, inclusively, deducting twenty-six days attendance in the State Convention, and his mileage.

Upon the petition of William Fieldin, convicted of larceny, and now confined at hard labour in this city, praying a pardon,

Ordered, That his fine, and punishment at hard labour, be remitted.

The Honorable Mr. Dennisen presented to Council several papers containing intelligence received from the county of Luzerne, which were read, and the consideration thereof postponed untill Monday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December the 31st, 1787.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Nathan Dennisen,	Abraham Smith and	
James Read,	John Cannon,	
George Ross,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer vizt:

In favor of the Honorable George Ross, for sixty one pounds one shilling, and in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full of their several accounts for their attendance in Council until this day, included, and their mileage, respectively.

In favor of the guardian of the children of Captain William Shippen, deceased, for the sum of two hundred pounds, in part of the pension due them, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his wages as Door-keeper of Council from the first untill the thirty-first day of December, 1787.

In favor of Messieurs Dunlap and Claypoole, for one hundred and nine pounds twelve shillings and two pence, in full of their account for printing work, stationary, &ca., for Council and the Comptroller General's office, for the year 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report.

John Woods, employed by the United States in some services in the Indian department, having informed Council by a memorial that he is on his way to Congress from the Natches; that by a long and severe indisposition he has been detained on his way, and has expended his money; that he is unable to proceed on his journey, and therefore praying that Council will enable him to proceed, by a loan of twenty-five pounds,

Resolved, That an order issue upon the Treasurer in favor of John Woods, for twenty-five pounds, to be repaid agreeably to the condition set forth in his memorial.

Upon further consideration of the case of Thomas Wigley,

Ordered, That he be pardoned, on condition that he will forthwith transport himself beyond the seas, not to return to the United States.

Information being given to Council that proper and legal notice was not given in the late choice of officers for the upper battalion of militia, in the county of Luzerne; therefore,

Ordered, That the late election for officers in the said battalion be and hereby is set aside and made void, and the Lieutenant of the said county is hereby directed to hold another election, according to law.

A letter was written to Colonel Pickering, in answer to the several letters of intelligence received from Luzerne county, in which was enclosed the foregoing order of Council.

General Watt attended the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 2nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	
Frederick Watt,	James Read,	

Upon the petition of Matthew Owens, convicted of keeping a disorderly house in this city, and a certificate from the jailor of his

having complied with that part of the sentence of the court which requires security for his good behaviour.

Ordered, That the fine be remitted.

The fine imposed by the City Court upon Simon Gore, upon his being convicted of an assault and battery, was also remitted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for sixty-three pounds ten shillings, in full of his attendance in Council from October the thirteenth, 1787, untill January the second, 1788, and his mileage.

In favor of Joseph Dolby for six pounds, in full of his account for ringing the bells upon the ratification of the Fœderal Constitution by this State.

In favor of Robert Smith, junior, for seven pounds ten shillings, in full of his account, for printing work done for Council and for the Evening Cronicle, for the last half year, ending the sixth of February next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 3rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill,	James Read,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	George Ross and	
Frederick Watt,	John Cannon,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Graff, Captain in Colonel Glatz's battalion of Lancaster county militia, for twelve pounds nine shillings and five pence, in full of his account for militia services in the years 1777, 1778, and 1776, according to the Comptroller General report.

In favor of Clement Biddle, Esquire, Quarter Master General of militia, for five pounds, specie, being advanced by him to George Breinig, for twenty Campkettles for public use, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the petition of J. Morris and Latitia Buckley, in behalf of William Beatty convicted of an assault and battery, and sentenced to six months imprisonment and pay a costs of prosecution, praying that he may be enlarged from confinement,

Ordered, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 4th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
George Ross,	John Cannon,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	

A letter from Joseph Read, Esquire, elected a Member of Assembly for York county, praying leave to resign his offices of Justice of the Peace and Common Pleas for the said county, was read, and his resignation of said offices accepted.

The petition of Thomas Dyer, of Bucks county, praying remission of the fine imposed upon him for assisting in an assault and battery upon Joseph Thomas, was read, and postponed until tomorrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the officers lately reappointed by Council, who, by law, are required to give security, and have neglected so to do, be directed forthwith to enter such security in the office of the Secretary of Council.

Ordered, That the Secretary give notice of the foregoing order.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 5th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James Read,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Cannon, and	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennisen,	
George Ross,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Captain James McLene, for sixteen pounds seven shillings, in full of his account for his subsistence in the months of October, November, and December, 1787, and for house rent, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Godfrey Derrick, for six pounds nineteen shillings and three pence, in full of his account for boarding and lodging,

and sundry articles of cloathing furnished James McManus, who was wounded by the fall of a tree, in the service of the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the northern boundary.

In favor of Lewis Rue, for thirteen pounds one shilling and ten pence, in full of his account for repairs of the house at Mud Island, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Council having, by their resolution of the twenty-second day of March, 1786, and agreeably to an act of Assembly dated the twenty-second of September, 1785, directed the Comptroller General to incorporate a corps of Invalid Pensioners, for the express purpose of guarding the public offices in the State House, to consist of one Lieutenant, two Serjeants, and eighteen privates,

Resolved, That the corps so established be continued, and the Lieutenant, as commanding officer, is hereby directed to consider the protection of the different public offices in the State House and the Treasury as his first and principal duty, and that in extraordinary cases he apply to the President in Council for directions and orders.

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Thomas Dyer, praying remission of a fine imposed upon him for assisting in an assault and battery upon Joseph Thomas, of Bucks county; and thereupon,

An order was taken, That the fine due by the said Thomas Dyer to the Commonwealth be remitted.

Upon the petition of William Low, now confined in the jail of this city, and a certificate from Doctor Benjamin Duffield, that by a blow received by said Low on his head, which has fractured his skull, he is rendered incapable of hard labour,

Ordered, That his fine and punishment at hard labour be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 7th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
George Ross,	Frederick Watt,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennisen, for forty four pounds eleven shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and for twelve days' expences in going to and returning from Wioming on public services.

Council this day took into consideration the representation of the Justices and others of the county of Luzerne, respecting an additional number of Justices for that county.

Council went into an examination of the number and annual expence of the newspapers taken from the different printers in this city, amounting to two hundred and sixteen pounds and nine pence; and being of opinion that the said expence ought to be lessened; therefore,

Resolved, That the Doorkeeper be directed to take only six of the newspapers published by Messrs. Hall and Sellers, Dunlap and Claypoole, Bailey, Oswald, Bradford and Spotswood, and the like number from Robert Smith until the sixth of February next, he being paid until that time.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, George Ross, Frederick Watt, James Read, and Nathan Dennisen, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James R. Read, for sixty-nine pounds fifteen shillings, being one month's pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable John Armstrong, Junior, Esquire, for one hundred and nineteen pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress as a Delegate from this State, from the seventeenth of November, 1787, until this day.

In favor of Francis Bailey, for one hundred and twenty-seven pounds eight shillings and one pence halfpenny, in full of his account for printing work done for Council, and for newspapers furnished, until the twenty-ninth of December, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report dated this day.

Upon the petition of Edith Ross, in behalf of her husband, Robert Ross, who hath been indicted for perjury,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be directed to enter a Nole Prosequi in the case of Robert Ross.

On motion made,

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be published the resolution of Council dated March the twenty-second, 1786, by which the corps of Invalid pensioners doing duty at the State House, was established, as well as the Comptroller General's letter of the thir-

teenth of March, which gave rise to said resolution, and that the Secretary likewise cause to be published the late resolution of Council dated the fifth instant, relative to the said corps.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 9th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James Read,	Esquires.
George Ross,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Frederick Watt,	Christian Kucher,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Buchannan, for fifty pounds sixteen shillings, in full of his account for surveying eighteen tracts of land granted by this Commonwealth to the Trustees of Franklin College.

The petition of Mary Owens, convicted of keeping a disorderly house, and now confined at hard labour in the work-house in this city, praying a remission of the punishment of hard labour, was read, together with a recommendation accompanying the said petition; thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the petition be granted, she paying the costs of prosecution.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 10th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
George Ross,	Christian Kucher,	
Frederick Watt,	John Cannon,	
James Read,	Henry Hill,	

On motion,

Ordered, That William Nichols, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Philadelphia.

Application being made to Council by James O'Hara, for seven thousand dollars, to supply the troops in the Western country with provisions, and the Board being informed by the Comptroller Gen-

eral that the State was clear of the contract they had agreed to enter into for cloathing the troops.

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to comply with the requisition of James O'Hara, relating to supplying the troops in the Western country with provisions.

WHEREAS, The intention of Council respecting the public arms has been misrepresented,

Ordered, That the Secretary publish the resolve of this Board respecting them.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 11th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christian Kucher,
George Ross,	Henry Hill,
Frederick Watt,	John Cannon,
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt: In favor of Captain James Chrystie, for one hundred and sixteen pounds ten shillings; and in favor of David Watts, for ninety-seven pounds, being the residue of the surveying fees of the lots in their districts, number six and ten, of donation lands, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Vice President and Mr. Watt attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 12th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christian Kucher,
George Ross,	John Cannon,
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennisen,
James Read,	

A memorial from Isaac Hazlehurst and Company, setting forth that he is charged with the duty of fifty pipes of brandy shipped to Pandicherry, owing to his not making an entry in due time, and praying leave to make an entry of the said fifty pipes of brandy.

Ordered, That Sharp Delany be directed to attend Council on Monday next at eleven o'clock.

A petition from Lewis Kale, now confined in the jail of this city, was read, praying the remission of the punishment to which he was sentenced upon conviction of larceny, a recommendation of him from his keepers, and a certificate from Doctor Duffield, stating that by a rupture he is incapable of hard labour, being also read,

Ordered, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Major William Armstrong, for five hundred pounds, for defraying the expences incurred in running and marking the northern boundary of this State, for which sum he is to account.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Lieutenants of the city and counties throughout the State, be directed, as soon as the public arms are repaired to deliver them to the battalions under their command, apportioning them to the number of men in each, take receipts for them, and make report to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 14th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President

Samuel Dean, John Cannon,
Frederick Watt, Nathan Dennisen, and
James Read, Henry Hill,
Christian Kucher, } Esquires.

Sharp Delany, Esquire, attended and satisfied Council respecting the memorial of Isaac Harlehurst, and company. Mr. Delany was informed that Council were of opinion the brandy mentioned in the memorial should be admitted to an entry.

William Henry, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of Bethleham, in Northampton county, upon a return made according to law, and also a Justice of the Common Pleas for the said county.

The Vice President and Mr. Watt, attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison, and	
James Read,	Henry Hill,	
Christian Kucher,		

Andrew Henderson, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the town of Huntingdon, in Huntingdon county, upon a return made according to law.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary request Sharp Delany, Esquire, to attend Council to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 16th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
John Cannon,	Henry Hill,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Robert Smith, Jun'r, for three pounds for inserting an advertisement in his newspapers for the Comptroller's Office, and for the continuance of the same according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General, on the thirteenth instant.

In favor of the said John Nicholson, Esquire, for fifty-two pounds four shillings and five pence, being the pay of his Clerk, from the sixth of October, 1787, untill the tenth instant, the time of his decease, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the said John Nicholson, Esquire, for seventy-nine pounds eight shillings and seven pence, being advanced by him to John Skinner, agreeably to order of Council of the seventeenth day of November, 1787, on account of his contract with the public for

making good the State road between the east side of Clark's Gap and the Burnt Cabbins, in Cumberland county.

In favor of Alexander Hale, for fourteen pounds five shillings, in full of his account for making a large book case, finding materials and painting the same.

Mr. Delany attended in Council agreeably to the order of yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 17th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,
Henry Hill,	John Cannon, and
Frederick Watts,	Nathan Dennisen.
James Read,	

The opinion of the Attorney General relative to the petitions from Chester county, praying a remission of part of their militia fines being read,

Resolved, That the fines of the militia of Chester county, for September, 1781, be reduced to seven dollars, agreeable to the prayer of their petition.

A petition from Benjamin Pitfield, stating that he moved in the year 1784, from Philadelphia to Trenton, and had there sundry goods, on which the duty was paid, that he has since moved back to this city, and brought with him some of the goods which have paid the duty, and sundry vouchers proving what he has set forth in his petition, was read,

Ordered, That the Collector of the Customs discarge him from his bond, for the duties upon the said goods brought from Trenton.

A letter from Sharp Delany, Esquire, Collector of the Customs, informing Council that there are many bonds given on the exportation of goods now outstanding, which after many applications are, nevertheless, neglected by the parties, and wishing the directions of Council, was read,

Ordered, That Sharp Delany, Esquire, be directed to put in suit, all the bonds given on the exportation of goods, unless they are cancelled agreeable to law.

A petition of Charles Paleske, stating that he shipped nine chests of tea to Charleston, South Carolina, and sundry vouchers proving that the said tea was returned to this port, and praying that he may be entitled to a drawback, was read,

Ordered, That the Collector of the Customs discharge him from his bond, for the duties upon the said nine chests of tea.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Miller, Sheriff of Lancaster county, for ten pounds fifteen shillings, for bringing down Robert Elliot, by a writ from the Supreme Court, from Lancaster to Philadelphia Goal, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, Frederick Watts,
Christopher Kucher, Nathan Dennisen, and } Esquires.
James Read, John Cannon,

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Joseph Robinson, for one hundred and six pounds ten shillings.

In favor of Michael Hare, for seventeen pounds four shillings; and

In favor of William Blakey, for one hundred and forty-two pounds in State money, of the emission of 1781, in full for principal and interest, due upon their several certificates, for horses furnished for public use, according to the Comptroller General's report and resolution of Assembly dated the eighth day of April, 1782.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Esquire, for ninety pounds, being a fee for himself and Jonathan Dickinson Serjeant and Edward Tilghman, Esquires, for being employed as Counsel in behalf of the Commonwealth, in the cause now depending between Thomas Proctor, Esquire, and the State, respecting the right to Hogg Island, under an appointment of this Board, dated November the fifteenth, 1786.

The petition of John Conrad Matsch, convicted at the City Court for July last, of forgery, and sentenced to a fine of twenty pounds and a servitude month, was read,

Ordered, That his fine and servitude be remitted, on condition of his leaving the State.

The petition of James Letts, convicted at the Quarter Sessions at Philadelphia, for March, 1787, of larceny, and sentenced to a fine of twenty-five pounds and a servitude of three years, was read, together with a recommendation from the Commissioners and others,

Ordered, That his fine and punishment at hard labour be remitted.

Christopher Quigley, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Cumberland, upon a return made according to law, for the district of the township of Allen.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Cannon, and	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Robert Smith, Junior, for four pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence, in full of his account for publishing in his newspapers for ten weeks, sundry proclamations of Council, and an advertisement signed by Mr. Nicholson, respecting the closing the new loan, according to the Comptroller General's report.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary request Colonels William Henry and William Coats, to attend Council on Monday next at eleven o'clock, to inform Council what number of arms has been brought in to be repaired agreeably to the resolution of the fourth of last December, and how many are yet to be collected.

Council took into consideration the petition of James Jackson, convicted of larceny and confined at hard labour in this city, praying remission of the fine and punishment to which he was sentenced for the said offence by the City Court in April last; thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 21st, 1788.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Frederick Watts,	Henry Hill,	
John Cannon,		

Council being informed by the Attorney General that the house of Francis Wade is to be sold at the suit of the State, and that the title to the said house is disputed;

Ordered, That the Sheriff be directed to have the house sold, subject to the risque of recovery at law, and that he set it up at eight hundred pounds on account of the Commonwealth.

Colonels Henry and Coates attended agreeably to the request of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 22d, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Frederick Watts,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
James Read,	Henry Hill,	
Christopher Kucher,		

On motion,

Ordered, That the City Lieutenant be directed to deliver to John Nicholson the arms belonging to Colonel Francis Gurney's battalion, in order to have such of them as want it repaired.

Ordered, That the County Lieutenant be directed to deliver one hundred and fifty of the public arms to Abraham Morrow, to be repaired.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of Benjamin Walker, assignee of John Walker, for seventeen pounds twelve shillings and six pence, in full for said John Walker's services on the Northern boundary line, according to the Comptroller General's report. The said sum to be charged to Major William Armstrong.

In favor of William Spotswood, for twenty-five pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for printing work done for Council,

and for fourteen setts of newspapers furnished, from the nineteenth of November, 1786, until November the eighteenth, 1787.

A petition from divers merchants of this city, stating that having imported certain goods, and paid the duties thereon, they sold the same to one John McMichen, of the Delaware State, who is insolvent and hath re-assigned to them the aforesaid goods; that it is necessary to bring the said goods to this city to be disposed of to the best advantage, and praying that they may not be charged with the duties upon the goods so brought back, and to be free of the commissions of the State, was read, and the prayer of the petitioners granted so far as relates to the duties upon the second importation, they paying the commissions arising to the State upon the goods if sold at auction.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 23d, 1788

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Frederick Watt,	John Cannon, and	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the twenty-fifth of December, 1787, as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Hilary Baker, Esquire, for eleven pounds seventeen shillings, in full of his account for a large ten plate stove for the Council Chamber, and cash paid to Lewis Prahl for making doors thereto, furnishing twenty-nine pounds of pipe, collar screws, rods, foot and knobs.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Doorkeeper be directed to take two copies of the German newspapers printed in this city by Melchior Steiner, on each day of publication.

Upon the application of the Comptroller General, requesting the opinion of Council respecting certain certificates for soldiers' pay taken up and sold by Captain James Christie, which he the Comptroller General apprehends are escheated to the State,

Resolved, That Mr. Nicholson be directed to retain the order issued by Council in favor of Captain Christie, for his services as one of the Surveyors of donation lands, until Captain Christie shall account for such certificates as he drew to which he was not entitled.

A return of an election of Justices of the Peace for the district composed of the townships of Colebrookdale, Earl and Oley, in Berks county, being laid before Council, was read, together with a petition from divers freeholders of said district, stating their objections, to wit: That Mathias Richards, the highest upon the return, is not resident in the county, and that some persons voted at said election who do not reside in the district and others not in the county. A certificate from divers other persons, was also read, by which it appears that since the said election Mr. Richards has moved with family into the said district; and it being the opinion of the Attorney General that all persons holding freehold estates within the said district are entitled to vote for Justices, altho' they may reside elsewhere; thereupon

Resolved, That Matthias Richards, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Common Pleas for the county of Berks, upon the return made aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 24th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennisen,	
James Read,	Henry Hill, and	
Christopher Kucher,	William McClay,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for eighteen pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 25th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William McClay,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Cannon,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Frederick Watts,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 26th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William McClay,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Cannon, and	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Frederick Watts,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Cannon, Esquire, for sixty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from November the twenty-first, 1787, until January the thirty-first, 1788, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 28th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Frederick Watts,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
James Read,	William McClay, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Hill,	
John Cannon,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Bartow, for nine pounds seven shillings, in full of his account for gunpowder purchased of him on account of the State, and used upon announcing to the public the ratification of the Federal Constitution by this State.

Council having received information that the Naval Officer, in compliance with the revenue law, had made a seizure of the Brig Catherine, from Halifax, which was entered in ballast, but found to contain a quantity of fish, and the Naval Officer having represented that the crew of the said Brig Catherine had given sufficient reason, by their late conduct, to suspect them of an intention to evade the law by seizing on the vessel and cargo, and therefore requesting military aid, to enable him to retain the vessel and cargo until a regular trial may be had at law,

Resolved, That the Naval Officer be informed that Council have directed the commander of the invalids to furnish him with as many of his men as he shall think necessary to inforce the laws with regard to the Brig Catherine: provided the civil powers are

found inadequate, in that case the men so employed are to consider themselves under the orders of the civil officer, who is to be accountable for their conduct, and take care they do not exceed the limits prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
William McClay,	Christopher Kucher,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Frederick Watts,	Henry Hill,	

Upon the petition of William Eckart, of Northampton county, praying remission of the fines imposod upon him for keeping a tipling house in the years 1786 and 1787, and also of the excise for the said two years, and he being recommended by two Justices of the Peace of said county,

Ordered, That the prayer of the aforesaid petition be granted.

The petition Matthias Moyer, stating that he became bail for the payment of a fine of five pounds, with costs of prosecution, imposed upon a certain John H. Harms, late of Montgomery county, for an assault and battery; that the said Harms has since absconded, therefore praying remission of the said fine, was read, and an order taken that the fine aforesaid be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 30th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
William McClay,	Christopher Kucher,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Frederick Watts,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of George Honey, Junior, for five pounds ten shillings, for filling up and delivering printing notices to sundry persons in-

closing city lots belonging to the Commonwealth, and for notifying the said persons to appear before the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, respecting the said lots.

In favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, for six pounds, being the expences of the Honorable Judge Atlee, on his way to and from a Supreme Court, lately held in this city, in the present month of January, agreeably to the Judges' certificate.

A letter from Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Harmer, dated at Muskingum, December twenty-third, 1787 inclosing a new arrangement, which he wishes to take place in this State, for the first United States Regiment, and also a return of the troops of this State serving in said Regiment, was received and read.

On consideration of the reports of the Board of Property upon the claims of Tench Francis, Robert Harris, Timothy Matlack, Charles Hurst, George Glentworth, Charles Cecil, and the executors of Doctor Evans, to certain city lots and lands in this State, under the original purchases of Arent Sonmans, Richard Ward, and others, from William Penn, Esquire, the first proprietor of Pennsylvania:

Ordered, That the Honorable the Chief Justice, with such other Judges of the Supreme Court as are in town, and the Attorney General be requested to meet Council on Tuesday next to confer with the Board upon the subject of the claims aforesaid, and that the said reports be now transmitted to them for their perusal

Ordered, That the Secretary give notice to the several claimants to attend at the same time, when they will be heard by Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 31st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
William McClay,	Christopher Kucher,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
Frederick Watts,	Henry Hill,	

The petition of Thomas Tate, convicted of passing and uttering a forged power of Attorney, appointing said Thomas Tate Attorney in fact for William Nicholson, and sentenced to make restitution, and his recommendation from sundry respectable citizens being read,

Ordered, That the restitution for the amount of the power of attorney be remitted.

Eleanor Armstrong, sentenced to one year's hard labour in the work-house, and fined six pounds, having served the time out:

Ordered, That the fine be remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for sixty pounds, to reimburse him for the like sum advanced to Matthias Hollenback, in part of his contract for supplying the troops stationed in Luzerne county with rations.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 1st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
William McClay,	Nathan Dennisen,	
James Read,	Evan Evans, and	
Frederick Watt,	Henry Hill,	
John Cannon,		

The petition of Robert Leslie, stating that the hammer of the State House clock is not properly fixed, and that for a trifling expence it could be made to answer the purpose much better than at present:

Ordered, That he be employed to make the alteration in the hammer, mentioned in his petition.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of eighty-five pounds, to pay for firewood, purchased for the Invalids Guards, and for defraying the expence of conveying public dispatches to the different County Treasurers and Collectors of Taxes, for which sum he is to be accountable.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 2nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
William McClay,	Nathan Dennisen,	
James Read,	Evan Evans,	
Frederick Watts,	Henry Hill, and	
John Cannon,	Abraham Smith,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Elizabeth Dickey, late Elizabeth McClellan, for one hundred and thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, being due for her pension for four years and

seven months, during which time she was the widow of Lieutenant John McClellan, deceased, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an Act of Assembly dated the first day of March, 1780.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds fourteen shillings and six pence, in full of his account for his wages as Door-Keeper, from the first until the thirty-first of January, 1788, and cash paid for sweeping two chimneys, and for a pitcher for public use.

Messrs. Blair, McClenachan, and James Hutchinson, were now offered by Clement Biddle, Esquire, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office as Marshall of the Court of Admiralty under his re-appointment, and they were accepted by Council.

A letter was written to Major General Knox, Secretary at War, upon the subject of Captain Ferguson's claim of rank over Captain Ziegler, in the troops commanded by Colonel Harmer, in which letter was enclosed the promotion of Ensigns Ashton and and appointment of Robert Thompson, (son of the late General Thompson,) to an Ensigncy in the said troops.

Mr. Evans was appointed a member of the Board of Property during the present month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 4th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, William McClay, Frederick Watts, Nathan Dennisen, Evan Evans, Abraham Smith, and Henry Hill, } Esquires.

The petition of John Moore, convicted at the Quarter Sessions for the city, January, 1788, of keeping a disorderly house, and fined five pounds, and a recommendation from five of the Magistrates was read.

Ordered, That the fine be remitted.

An order was drawn in favor of Eleazer Oswald, for forty-seven pounds eight shillings and nine pence, in full of his account for printing done for Council, and for newspapers furnished to the seventh of January, 1788, for printing done for the Commissioners appointed to ascertain and confirm to the Connecticut claimants the lands claimed by them in the county of Luzerne, and for the Comptroller General, according to the Comptroller General's report.,

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 5th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Evan Evans,	} Esquires.
William McClay,	Frederick Watts,	
Nathan Dennisen,	Abraham Smith,	

On motion,

Ordered, That Andrew Porter, Esquire, and Major William Armstrong, be requested to furnish Council with the best description they can of the lands lying between the northern boundary of this State and Lake Erie, west of the boundary of the State of New York.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Hugh Speer, for forty-nine pounds ten shillings, ballance due upon his account for hauling two thousand nine hundred and fifty-six pound neat, vizt: four boxes of arms, sixteen quarter casks of powder, two kegs of lead and flints from Philadelphia to Washington county, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The petition of William Moland, stating that during his absence from this State on a voyage to the West Indies, he was attainted of high treason, that he is innocent of the crime aforesaid, for that he never joined the British army as was supposed against him, and now praying that Council will be pleased to grant him a pardon, and thereby restore him to the rights of a citizen of this State—was read, and a conference being had with the Chief Justice who is of opinion that the several facts stated by the petitioner are true; thereupon,

Ordered, That a pardon under the Great Seal be granted to the said William Moland.

Agreeably to the minute of Council of the thirtieth of last month, the Judges, Attorney General and Land Officers met Council in conference upon the claims of Tench Francis, George Glentworth, Robert Harris, Timothy Matlack and Charles Hurst, in right of Arent Sonmans' original purchase, and having given Council some information respecting the business aforesaid, after some time withdrew; whereupon, Council after full consideration of this case came to the following resolution, vizt:

WHEREAS, It appears that Arent Sonmans was an original purchaser of five thousand acres of land within the province of Pennsylvania, and that the same has not hitherto been taken up or located, and several persons appearing before Council and claiming the same.

Resolved, That the legal representatives of Arent Sonmans are entitled under the said purchase to five thousand acres of land in this State, and that a warrant signed by the President or Vice President

in Council, issue in favor of Tench Francis and George Glentworth, for surveying and locating the said five thousand acres of land and the lots appurtenant thereto, in the old purchase to be taken up and held by the said Tench Francis and George Glentworth, in trust and for the use and behoof of the legal representatives of the said Arent Sonmans.

The further consideration of the claims of the executors of Doctor Cadwallader Evans and Charles Cecil, was postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 6th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, William McClay, Nathan Dennisen, Evan Evans, Frederick Watts, Abraham Smith, and Henry Hill, } Esquires.

A memorial from Andrew Lytle, of Berks county, complaining of his being displaced from his office of Deputy Surveyor, being read,

Ordered, That General Daniel Brodhead, John Otto, Daniel Levan, and Thomas Dundas, Esquires, be requested to hear the charges made against Andrew Lytle, and make report to Council, That the Surveyor General be directed to send those gentlemen all the papers he has received complaining of Andrew Lytle, and the letters he has received from Mr. Lytle, on this business.

The Honorable the Vice President attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 7th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, William McClay, Nathan Dennisen, Evan Evans, Frederick Watts, Abraham Smith, Henry Hill, and Christopher Kucher, } Esquires.

The petition of John Moore, stating that he is sued for a recognizance entered into for his appearance at last October sessions, that he is unable to pay the same, being read,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be directed to discontinue the suit against said Moore.

The petition of Adam Bety, fined (at the Quarter Sessions for the county of Berks, in November last) ten pounds, for keeping tavern without licence, and his recommendation being read,

Ordered, That the fine be remitted.

Ordered, That the Attorney General be requested to meet Council to morrow at eleven o'clock, to confer with the Board about the sale of Francis Wade's house.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to attend Council to-morrow at ten o'clock.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennisen, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Evan Evans,	Esquires.
William McClay,	Frederick Watts,	
Nathan Dennisen,	Abraham Smith, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Hill,	

The city and county Lieutenants attended agreeable to the directions of Council.

The petitions of Samuel Coutty and Samuel Lehman, gunsmiths, be requesting they may be employed in repairing some of the public arms, was read,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Philadelphia be directed to deliver the said Samuel Coutty and Samuel Lehman, the public arms belonging to the county, that are over Schuylkill.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Harris, for forty-seven pounds seven shillings, in full of his account for his services in laying out a road from the navigable waters of the Frankstown Branch of Juniata, to the navigable waters of Conemaugh, according to the Comptroller General's report.

An order was also drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Bradford, for twenty-eight pounds, in full of his account for newspapers furnished to Council from the first day of January untill the thirty-first day of December, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Attorney General attended agreeably to the request of Council and conferred with the Board respecting the sale of Francis

Wade's house and lot; Mr. Wade also attended and produced to to Council sundry papers, which he alleges, to shew that the said estate was intended for the benefit of his children, that the right thereto is not vested in him; whereupon, Mr. Wade was desired to deliver these papers to the Attorney General, who was requested to furnish Council with his opinion thereon.

The memorial of John Franklin being read,

Resolved, That the Honorable Frederick Watt and Nathan Dennisen, Esquires, be a committee to inquire into the truth of the facts stated in the memorial aforesaid, and report to Council.

The committee report to Council that they have visited John Franklin, in the jail of this city, and find that his health is greatly impaired, and that unless his irons are taken off he may greatly suffer; Council having attended to the above report, and regarding as far as lies in their power the favorable interposition of his Excellency Governor Huntington, are well disposed to mitigate the severity of the said Franklin's confinement.

Resolved, That the Sheriff be directed to have the irons taken off the said Franklin, and otherwise mitigate the severity of his confinement as much as the Sheriff shall think consistant with the safe keeping of the prisoner.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 9th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Evan Evans,	Esquires.
William McClay,	Frederick Watts, and	
Nathan Dennisen,	Abraham Smith,	
Christopher Kucher,		

A memorial from divers merchants of Philadelphia, praying Council to revoke their late orders to the Collectors of the Customs, to put in suit all bonds given in his office upon the exportation of goods; and that further time may be allowed them for complying with the act of Assembly which relates to this business, was read, and Tuesday next appointed to hear the memorialists, in support of the facts stated in the said memorial.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 11th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	
Evan Evans,	Christopher Kucher,	
William McClay,	James Read,	
Nathan Dennisen,		

The petitions of John Bromley Knox and Cato Forster, convicted of larceny, and now confined at hard labour, praying remission of their fines and punishment, were read, and an order taken that the said petitions be dismissed.

A letter was written to His Excellency the Governor of Connecticut, inclosing the minute of Council of February the eighth, respecting John Franklin.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 12th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Abraham Smith,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
Evan Evans,	James Read,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Michael Bright, for one pound three shillings, in full of his account for one hundred weight of ship bread furnished to a number of distressed persons, natives of China and India, according to a resolution of Assembly dated the seventh day of November, 1785.

Upon the petition of Rose Dowdle, convicted of a misdemeanor, in passing counterfeit dollars, knowing them to be such, and now confined at hard labour in the work-house of this city, praying remission of the punishment to which she was sentenced,

Ordered, That the fine due from her to the State and her punishment at hard labour be remitted.

Mr. Fitzimmons, Mr. Wilcocks, and others, a committee of merchants, attended, and were heard upon the subject of their memorial, presented to Council on Saturday last.

The further consideration of the said memorial was postponed untill to-morrow.

The petition of Rachel Smither, in behalf of her husband, James Smither, who, in the year 1778, was called upon to surrender himself and abide his trial for high treason, and by neglecting so to do became attainted of high treason, praying Council to grant him a pardon, was read, together with a recommendation of him from a number of respectable citizens as a sober, industrious man, and a usefull artist; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said James Smither be and hereby is pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 13th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	
Frederick Watts,	Christopher Kucher, and	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Henry Hill,	
James Read,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Clement Biddle, Esquire, for eighty-one pounds three shillings and six pence, in full of his account for rations furnished to the Invalid Corps from November the first untill January the thirty-first, 1788, inclusively, according to the Comptroller General's report.

An order was also drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Robert Leslie, for six pounds one shilling, in full of his account for repairing the State House clock and furnishing materials, according to the direction of Council and the Comptroller General's report.

Friday next was appointed for going into the consideration of the report of the Board of Property upon the claim of Charles Cecil, under —— Ward's original purchase.

Upon the memorial of sundry merchants, requesting a longer time for to be given them for cancelling the bonds given for goods exported, and a committee of the merchants waiting on Council, and satisfying them of the difficulties attending the procuring of certificates for those goods,

Resolved, That the Collector be directed to postpone the putting in suit the bonds given for duties on goods exported untill the first of October next.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Jacob Benner, for a horse killed in public service, amounting to forty-five pounds, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 14th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Abraham Smith,	
Evan Evans,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
Christopher Kucher,	James Read,	

Upon the petition of Jonas Meintzger, it was

Ordered, That the fine imposed upon him by the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in this city on the twelfth instant, for an assault and battery upon Stephen Page, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Evan Evans,	James Read, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Hill,	
Frederick Watts,		

In pursuance of an order of Council, dated the eighteenth day of April, 1786, for fixing the line of partition between the districts of Samuel Edmonston, number seventeen, and the district of William Maclay, number eighteen. John Adlum run the said line beginning at a white walnut tree, at the mouth of Hogline's run, and running north three degrees, east six hundred and fifty-four perches to a white oak tree, marked on the east side M, and on the west side E. The return of survey being laid before Council,

Resolved, That the said boundary so marked be confirmed.

Tuesday next is appointed to hear Charles Cecil and Joseph Mitchell, upon their claims to city lotts.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Bartow, for the sum of six pounds twelve shillings, in full of his account for sixty pounds weight of gun powder furnished to Colonel William Will's battalion of militia, upon the Anniversary of Independence, under an order of Council of the second of July, 1787.

Council took into consideration the petition from the Executors of Doctor Cadwallader Evans, stating that John Stringfellow was an original purchaser of five hundred acres of land within the province of Pennsylvania; that the same has not hitherto been taken up or located, and that the right thereto is vested in the heirs of the said Dootor Evans, and praying that the said quantity of five hundred acres of land may be now surveyed and appropriated to their use; and Council having also considered the report of the Board of Property, by which it appears that a city lot was granted by the late Proprietaries to Doctor Evans as appurtenant to the said purchase, but that the land purchased has not yet been taken up; thereupon,

Resolved, That a warrant, signed by the President or Vice President, be granted for surveying and locating, for the use and behoof of the heirs of Doctor Cadwallader Evans, deceased, the said quantity of five hundred acres of land in the old purchase.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 16th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Abraham Smith, and	
Evan Evans,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Christopher Kucher,		

The Attorney General having requested the advice of Council relative to the suit now carrying on by their order against Captain John Barry, &ca.,

Resolved, That the Attorney General be informed that Council do not wish to interfere, but that they leave the matter intirely with him to act as he shall judge best.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for seventeen pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the twenty-fifth of January untill February the sixteenth, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Evan Evans,	James Read, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Hill,	
Frederick Watts,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Mr. Joseph Perkin, for the sum of sixty pounds, to enable him to repair the arms collected in the city and county of Philadelphia, in pursuance of the order of Council of the fourth of December, 1787, for which sum he is to account with Colonel Henry, the City Lieutenant.

In favor of Messrs. Scull and Hall, printers at Pittsburgh, for three pounds in full of their account for publishing the resolutions of Council of the eighteenth and twenty-second of December, 1787, respecting contracts for opening certain western road.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Evan Evans,	James Read, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Hill,	
Frederick Watts,		

The petitions of Joseph Humphreys, John Rock, William White, Thomas Wardel, and William Courtney, stating that they were tried at a City Court held in January, 1787, and sentenced each to one years' labour and that they are now confined for their fines, was read,

Ordered, That their fines be remitted, Joseph Humphrey's being fifteen shillings, John Rock, twelve shillings, William White, seventeen shillings, Thomas Wardel, five shillings, and William Courtney, twelve shillings.

Upon application of Colonel John Craig, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for two hundred and seventeen pounds, payable out of

the militia fines of the county aforesaid, to enable him to discharge sundry expences incurred in exercising the militia of the said county, for which sum he is to account.

The petition of Jane Match, convicted at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in this city of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, praying remission of the punishment to which she was sentenced by the said Court, was read, together with a recommendation of her by sundry citizens; thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State and her punishment at hard labour, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 20th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	Nathan Dennisen,	
William Maclay,	James Read,	
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Hill,	
Frederick Watts,		

A petition from Joseph Egg, containing a brief of his title to a city lot between Sassafras and Vine streets, and Seventh and Eighth streets, from Schuylkill, under Anthony Moore, in right of Philip Evan, and stating that the same hath been sold by the Commonwealth, therefore, praying an equivalent therefor, in the mode prescribed by an Act of Assembly, dated April the seventh, 1781, was read and referred to the Board of Property, together with the title deeds accompanying the said petition, for their examination and report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 21st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	James Read,	
William Maclay,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Baird, and	
Frederick Watts,	Henry Hill,	
Abraham Smith,		

A letter from Charles Thompson, Esquire, Secretary to Congress, inclosing an Act of Congress of the twelfth instant, for

granting sea letters to American vessels, and requesting it may be published in the public papers, was read:

Ordered, That it be published in Hall and Sellers's, and Bradford's papers.

Mr. Lilly and Mr. Mitchell, a Committee from the General Assembly, attending, were introduced, and informed Council that the House of Assembly was now met and ready to receive any business Council have to lay before them.

The Committee were informed that a Message and sundry papers should be tranmitted to the House.

A certificate from Edward Burd, Esquire, that Thomas Levis, Esquire, hath entered sufficient security to prosecute with effect an appeal from the settlement of his accounts as late Treasurer of the county of Chester, by the Comptroller General, was read, and the said appeal allowed.

The following draft of a message to the General Assembly, was read and adopted, vizt:

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—We sincerely congratulate your Honorable House on the ratification of the Fœderal Constitution, by the convention of this State since your last recess, and we flatter ourselves that its adoption will be attended with important good consequences to all the States in the Union.

In compliance with your resolution of the thirteenth of November last, we have obtained and now lay before the General Assembly, discriptions of the lands lying between the Northern Boundary of this State and Lake Erie, with an estimate of the sums which will probably be necessary for the purchases of the same, as will appear by the papers marked No. 1 and 2, to which we beg leave to refer. We have likewise wrote to our Delegates in Congress, relative to the estimate. Their answer as soon as it comes to hand will be transmitted to your House.

A revenue law of this State, passed the twenty-fifth day of September, 1783, requiring merchants who re-ship goods from Philadelphia to produce within one year certificates of the goods being actually landed at the Port of destination, appears to bear hard on the trade of this port. We therefore recommend a revisal of the aforesaid revenue act, when the merchants will have an opportunity of laying the particular inconveniences before your house.

The officers of the Land Office do not consider themselves authorised by the present laws to grant re-locating warrants, in cases where warrants on which the purchase money has been paid, are deprived of land by prior grants, we are of opinion that this power ought to be given, as the time may come, when vacant lands will not remain for them, and in that case the owners may call on the State for compensation.

The granting of land in the late purchase has nearly ceased, and we are apprehensive that this fund will continue unproductive, until the terms of the new purchase are lowered, a measure which we therefore recommend.

Great mistakes have been committed by the Orphans' Courts of the different counties of this State, respecting pensions, particularly in providing for the support of the widows and orphans of militia men who fell in the late war; this power in the opinion of Council ought to be lodged in more proper hands, and its decisions thereby rendered more uniform.

The continual depreciation of our paper money merits the most serious attention of your Honorable House. This circumstance alone diffuses languor and embarrassment through the whole executive department of Government. Contracts cannot be compleated for the making of roads, or any other public business, without either risquing the honor of Government or acting on an implied depreciation of money, situations equally irksome and ineligible. We cannot help suggesting the propriety of more speedily destroying as much of it as is in the power of the treasury.

The time limited by law for compleating titles for lands held under office rights, obtained before the tenth day of December, 1776, expires on the tenth day of April next. We are of opinion that the extension of that period is necessary.

The benefits expected from the penal laws, having not equalled the benevolent wishes of its friends and framers, we recommend such alterations to be made in it as shall be calculated to render punishment a means of reformation, and the labour of criminals of profit to the State. Late experiments in Europe have demonstrated that those advantages are only to be obtained by temperance and solitude of labour.

The act entitled "An Act appointing Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, &ca.," passed the twenty-sixth day of February, 1773, having by experience been found useful, and being on the point of expiring, we recommend an immediate renewal of the same for a further term, with such improvements as may occur to you.

We again recommend to the notice of your Honorable House the resolution of Congress passed March the twenty-first, 1787, and beg leave to suggest the propriety of passing a declaratory act, to answer the end intended by the said resolution.

The latest accounts from the county of Luzerne, communicated to us by Colonel Pickering, represent the settlement as being in perfect quietness at present, and that the laws of this State have their free operation.

We have now the pleasure of laying before you a map of the Northern boundary of this State, as run by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, who have compleated that useful work.—We also herewith communicate a letter from His Excellency Samuel

Huntington, Esquire, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in consequence of which we have mitigated the severity of John Franklin's confinement as much as circumstances would warrant. An act of the Legislature of Virginia, concerning the Convention to be held in June next, transmitted by His Excellency the Governor of Virginia. And a letter from the Honorable Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, which we beg leave to recommend to the notice of your Honorable House.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, February 21st, 1788.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Alexander Hale, for four pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for a large oval table for the use of Council, materials and painting included.

A letter from Henry Knox, Esquire, Secretary at War, in answer to a letter of the second instant, was read;

Ordered, That the Vice President write to General Knox, and desire him to have a Court of Enquiry upon the subject of a dispute of rank between Captian Zeigler and Ferguson, and make report to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 22nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	James Read,	
Evan Evans,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Baird, and	
Frederick Watt,	Henry Hill,	
Abraham Smith,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Josiah Harmer, the commanding officer of the State troops, for one hundred and ninety-five pounds, for the purpose of re-inlisting the non-commissioned officers and privates now in the service of the United States and belonging to this State, and advancing two dollars to each of them; and the further sum of ninety-seven pounds ten shillings, to defray the expences of the said recruiting service; which said sums are to be charged to the United States, agreeably to the directions of an act of General Assembly passed the tenth day of November last.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for one hundred and ninety-eight pounds fifteen shillings, to reimburse him for a sum

of money advanced on account of John Skinner's contract for clearing the public road, included between the east side of Clark's Gap and the Burnt Cabbins in Cumberland county, &ca.

And in favor of John Nicholson, for thirty-four pounds three shillings and nine pence, being to reimburse him for the like sum paid to Colonel James O'Hara, in discharge of his account for supplies furnished to the Commissioners on the northern boundary, this sum to be charged to Major William Armstrong.

Upon the petition of William Brown, convicted of larceny, and now confined at hard labour in the jail of this city, praying remission of the punishment to which he was sentenced by the Court.

Ordered, That the fine due to the State and his punishment at hard labour be remitted.

Council taking into consideration sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Chester, containing several charges against Caleb Davis, Esquire, for misconduct in his office of Prothonotary of the county aforesaid, and praying to be heard before Council in support of their said complaint, and that the said officer may be removed from the office of Prothonotary, if it shall appear that the said charges are well founded; thereupon,

Ordered, That Tuesday the fourth day of March next be appointed to hear the petitioners, and the said Caleb Davis, touching the charges exhibited against him, and that the parties have notice to attend.

The Door-keeper was directed to take for the use of Council six copies of the newspapers published by Daniel Humphreys on each day of publication.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 23rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Evan Evans,	Abraham Smith,	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie, and	
James Read,	John Baird,	

A letter was written to Colonel Josiah Harmer, inclosing the Act of the General Assembly intituled "An Act for furnishing the quota of Troops required by Congress for the protection of the Western Frontiers, and other purposes therein mentioned," passed the tenth day of November last, and inclosing orders upon the County Treasurers of Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette,

for the sums necessary to enable him to re-inlist the non-commissioned officers and privates now under his command belonging to the quota of this State.

A letter was also written to the Governor of Virginia, relative to the claim of George Barton, to a negroe man brought by him from St. Croix, which negroe is said to be the property of a citizen of the State of Virginia.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 25th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,	Esquiers.
William Maclay,	John Baird,	
Christopher Kucher,	George Ross,	
Frederick Watts,	John Smilie, and	
Nathan Dennisen,	Evan Evans,	
Abraham Smith,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 26th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watts,	John Smilie, and	
Nathan Dennisen,	George Ross,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Charles Campbell, for thirty-four pounds three shillings and one penny, in full of his account for his services as a Commissioner for laying out a Highway from the navigable waters of Frankstown Branch of Juniata to the navigable waters of Conemaugh, and expences of assistance, and for provisions furnished according to the Comptroller General's report.

George Hughes, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and

for the county of Northumberland, upon a return made according to law for the district of the township of Cattawissa.

Charles Cecil and Joseph Mitchell attended, and were heard relative to their claims to city lots under old rights.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 27th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watts,	John Smilie,	
Christopher Kucher,	George Ross, and	
Nathan Dennisen,	Henry Hill,	
Abraham Smith,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, for three hundred and seventy pounds, payable out of the monies arising from the duty upon tonnage, to be applied towards the further improvement of the navigation in the bay and river Delaware, for which sum the said Wardens are to account.

A petition of James McAlpine, now under sentence of death for piracy, was read.

Ordered, That the Secretary send for a transcript of the record of conviction of the said McAlpine and the other man now under sentence of death in the jail of this city.

Joseph Mitchell, of Chester county, presented to Council his claim and title to one thousand acres of land, and city lots and liberty land appurtenant thereto, under Bazellion Forster's original purchase, which was read, and referred to the Board of Property for their consideration and report.

Upon the petition of Samuel Harris, of York county, and a recommendation from some of the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county aforesaid,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State and the punishment at hard labour to which he was sentenced by the said Court be remitted.

A letter from the Attorney General, praying the advice of Council whether all further proceedings on the bonds given to the Collector of the Port by persons who have since been declared bankrupt must be stayed, or whether he must proceed to execution, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be directed to inform Council whether anything can be recovered for the State, by issuing execution against the persons he describes.

Mr. Clymer and Mr. Kennedy, a committee from the General Assembly, attended Council in conference upon the subject of the depreciation of the last emission of paper money.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 28th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watts,	George Ross,	
Christopher Kucher,	James Read, and	
Nathan Dennisen,	Henry Hill,	
Samuel Edie,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, for five pounds, being the travelling charges of the Honorable Judge Atlee, on his way to and return from a Supreme Court and Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail Delivery held in Philadelphia in September and October, 1787.

The motion for appointing Mr. Thomas Clark a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in the county of Dauphine was postponed untill this day week.

Council taking into consideration the transcripts of the conviction of John White, alias John Tracy, for murder, and of James Thompson, alias James McAlpine, for piracy, at a Court of Admiralty Sessions held at Philadelphia for the United States of America, on the twelfth day of this month,

Ordered, That such of the Judges of the Supreme Court as are in town, and the Judge of the Court of Admiralty, be requested to confer with Council to-morrow at eleven o'clock, in the Council Chamber, relative to the said convictions.

A letter from the Honorable Judge Hopkinson, informing Council that he has called upon Matthew Clarkson, Esquire, late Marshall of the Admiralty, for a particular account of such property as came to his hands, in which the United States were interested, which account he has hitherto not thought fit to render, and praying Council to take some steps to enable him to make a satisfactory report to the Board of Treasury of the United States, was read; and thereupon, the Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Clarkson and request his answer, with his reasons for declining to make such return.

The petitions of Miers Fisher, Timothy Hurst, Charles Hurst, Ephraim Blaine, Jonathan Thompson, stating their respective claims to city lots, in right of several original purchases, were read and referred to the Board of Property for their examination and report.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of James Smith, Francis Silvers and John Boggs, Commisioners for laying out a public road from Cumberland county to Pittsburgh, for eighteen pounds ten shillings, being the expences of a surveyor, draftsman, chain-carrier, &ca., not included in their last account.

In favor of Colonel George Gibson, Lieutenant of Cumberland county, for sixty-five pounds three shillings and eight pence, due to Timothy Lenington, and for sixty-seven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, due to Elizabeth Ross, of Cumberland county, for their pensions, which sums were advanced to the said pensioners, by Colonel Gibson, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The petitions of William Harris, Lydia Harris and Martha Harris, of the heirs of Richard Hill, of Joshua Evans and of Peter Thompson, stating their several claims to city lots, &ca., in right of several original purchasers from William Penn, Esquire, the first proprietor of Pennsylvania, were read and referred to the Board of Property, for their examination and report.

The petitions of Nicholas Young, stating his claim to city lots and liberty land, in right of the original purchases of Richard Pearse and Thomas Pearse, of two thousand acres, and John Pearse of two hundred and fifty acres of land from the said proprietary, was also read and referred in like manner, to the Board of Property, for their consideration and report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith,	
James Read,	John Baird,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	
Nathan Dennisen,	George Ross,	

General James Irvine and Captain James Duncan of York county, were offered by John Nicholson, Esquire, as sureties for his

faithfull discharge of the duties of his office of Escheator General of this State, and they were accepted by Council.

The Honorable the Chief Justice and Judge Hopkinson attended in Council, and a free conference was had on the subject of the late convictions of John White alias John Tracy and of James Thompson alias James M'Alpine, for piracy and murder, and touching the power of the Judges to appoint the time and place of execution of criminals, convicted before them, and the Chief Justice having communicated to Council the reasons which induced the Court to appoint the time of execution in this case. After some time the Judges withdrew; whereupon, after full consideration,

Ordered, That a warrant under the less seal be now issued, commanding the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia to execute the sentence pronounced against the said John White alias John Tracy, and James Thompson alias James M'Alpine, by the Court of Admiralty Sessions held at Philadelphia the twelfth instant, on Monday the third day of March next, between the hours of ten and two o'clock of the same day, at the usual place of execution.

The following draft of a letter was read and approved, and transmitted to the General Assembly, vizt:

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, February 28th, 1788.

SIR:—By direction of Council, I do myself the honor to inclose you a letter from his Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts, together with a memorial from D. Shutz.

I am, Sir, your obedient and humble servant,

PETER MUHLENBERG, V. P.

Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 1st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Nathan Dennisen,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Samuel Edie,	George Ross,	
Frederiek Watt,	John Baird,	
William Maclay,	Samuel Dean,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill, and	
James Read,	John Smilie,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, for two hundred and eighty pounds sixteen shillings, in full for his atten-

dance in Congress as a Delegate from this State, from the twelfth of July untill November the fourth, inclusive.

In favor of Mr. Robert Porter, for ninety-six pounds nine shillings and four pence, in full for his services and expences as a Surveyor, from the fourteenth of May to November the twenty-third, 1788, on the northern boundary of this State.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Elijah Weed, for his pay as a Store-keeper in the year 1778, under an appointment from Council, was read and approved.

The following draft of a letter was read, approved, and transmitted to the General Assembly, vizt:

Council Chamber, Philadelphia March 1st, 1788.

SIR:—By direction of Council, I do myself the honor to transmit the petition of Messrs. Bedford and Neville, upon the subject of their accounts for monies due them for erecting the triumphal arch, which we recommend to the consideration of your Honorable House.

I am, Sir, with great respect,
Your obedient and humble servant,
PETER MUHLENBERG, V. P.

Hon'ble the Speaker of the General Assembly.

Mr. Edie was appointed a member of the Board of Property during the month of March.

The fine due to the State, and corporal punishment to which Charles Gordon was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions in Bedford county, upon being convicted of larceny in said county, was remitted upon his petition and a recommendation from the Court.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 3rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Nathan Dennisen,	George Ross,	Esq'rs.
Samuel Edie,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watts,	John Smilie,	
William Maclay,	Samuel Dean,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill, and	
James Read,	Evan Evans,	
Christopher Kucher,		

The petition of James Quarrel, convicted of uttering a forged Letter of Attorney, and a recommendation from a number of respectable citizens, was read.

Ordered, That the fine and punishment at hard labour be remitted.

The time for which Sharp Delany, Esquire, has taken the house for the accommodation of the several offices of the Collector of the Customs, Naval Officer, Collector of Tonnage, and Wardens of the Port, being nearly expired,

Resolved, That Sharp Delany, Esquire, be appointed to contract for a house, agreeably to the supplement to the act of Assembly for raising an impost on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this State, &ca., passed the second of April, 1785.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, in full for one quarter's salary due to him as Vice President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Colonel George Gibson, for one hundred and seventy-nine pounds one shilling, balance due upon his account as Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, according to the Comptroller Generel's report of the twenty-ninth ult.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds and six pence, in full of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council during the month of February, 1788, and cash paid for sweeping two chimneys and for splitting wood for the stove.

General Anthony Wayne and Jonathan Penrose, Esquires, were offered by Sharp Delany, Esquire, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office as Collector of the Customs under his re-appointment, and accepted by Council.

Council took up the petition of James Thompson, alias James McAlpine, now under sentence of death, and this day ordered for execution, together with a recommendation from a number of respectable citizens in his favor; after considering his case, it was

Ordered, That the said James Thompson, alias Jamee McAlpine, be, and he hereby is respited for the space of twenty-one days from this date.

The fine imposed by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Fayette upon Francis Fast, upon conviction of fornication and bastardy, was remitted, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 4th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Nathan Dennisen,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Samuel Edie,	George Ross,	
Frederick Watts,	John Baird,	
William Maclay,	Samuel Dean,	
Abraham Smith,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	Henry Hill,	

The petition of Margaret Baker convicted at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Philadelphia, the twelfth of February, 1788, of receiving a watch and check apron knowing them to be stolen, and sentenced to undergo a servitude of one year and a recommendation in her favor, being read.

Ordered, That the servitude to hard labour be remitted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for nineteen pounds one shilling, in full of his account for twenty-one days' attendance in Council between January the first and March the fourth, 1788, both said days included and his mileage.

The hearing upon the complaint against Caleb Davis, Esquire, appointed for this day, was postponed untill to-morrow morning.

The petition of Ann McNeal widow of Laughlin McNeal, deceased, praying Council to determine upon her claim to a pension reported by the Comptroller General to be due to her under an order of Orphans' Court, for the county of Philadelphia, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council approve of the said report, and an order was directed to issue in favor of Anne McNeal, for two hundred pounds, in part of the sum due to her, upon the said report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 5th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire Vice President.

Nathan Dennisen,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Samuel Edie,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watts,	Samuel Dean,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	
James Read,		

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of John Mitchell, Esquire, late contractor for supplying the Navy Artillery, &ca., of this State with rations, from March the tenth, 1776, untill March the tenth, 1777, was read and approved.

On motion,

Ordered, That previous to Council going into an investigation of the complaint against Caleb Davis, Esquire, the complainants be directed to furnish to the Board, in writing, the particular charges which are alluded to in their petitions, and the evidence they have to adduce in support thereof. Mr. Maclay and Mr. Smith were appointed a committee to take the said evidence, and report to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 6th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Nathan Dennisen,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watts,	Samuel Edie,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	
James Read,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Maclay, Esquire, for thirty-nine pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from January twenty-fourth until March the sixth, 1788, and his mileage.

The petitions of James Cunningham and Thomas Stokeley, Esquire, the former praying payment for his services as a surveyor of one of the districts of depreciation lands, and the latter to be allowed the commutation of his pay as late Captain of one of the Ranging companies of this State, were read and referred to the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the Attorney General and Colonel George Gibson, Lieutenant of Cumberland county, to attend Council to-morrow forenoon at eleven o'clock.

A letter from the Honorable the delegates of this State, inclosing a report of the Board of Treasury, on a motion made by the delegates of Pennsylvania, for placing the sum of seventy-eight thousand six hundred and forty-two dollars of the bills of credit of 1781 to the debit of the General account of said State, with the United States, was read and referred to the Comptroller for his consideration and report thereon.

Council resumed the consideration of the motion made on the twenty-eighth of last month, to appoint Thomas Clarke a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Dauphine.

And thereupon, the said Thomas Clark was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county. Council being divided upon the question, shall Thomas Clark be appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Dauphine? the yeas and nays were called, and were as follows, vizt:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Edie,	Mr. Watts,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Dennisen,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Dean,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Baird,
Mr. Maclay,	Mr. Ross.	Mr. Smilie.
Mr. Kucher,		

The petitioners against Caleb Davis, Esquire, Prothonotary of Chester county, now presented to Council, in writing, the particular charges alledged against the said officer, together with the evidence in support thereof, which being read, an order was taken that Mr. Davis be furnished with copies of the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 7th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Frederick Watts,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Samuel Edie,	George Ross,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Abraham Morrow, for the sum of fifteen pounds, towards defraying the expences of repairing one hundred and fifty stand of arms belonging to the county of Philadelphia, for which sum he is to account.

The petition of John Knight, attainted of high treason, and reprieved by this Board on the thirty-first of May last, praying a remission of the pains and penalties under which he labours, in consequence of the said attainder, was read, together with a recommendation from divers persons in his favor; whereupon, Council having duly considered his case,

Ordered, That a pardon under the great seal of the State be now granted to the said John Knight.

The petition of Samuel Steward and John Chapman, praying remission of the fines imposed upon them for neglect of militia duty, was read, together with a recommendation from sundry inhabitants of Cumberland county; thereupon,

Ordered, That their fines be remitted.

A like petition from Mary Polly, in behalf of her husband fined for a like neglect of militia duty, was read, and the prayer thereof granted.

James Hanna, Esquire, was commissionated Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting letters of administration, and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county of Bucks, under an appointment of him to those offices by the General Assembly on the seventh instant.

A letter from Caleb Davis, Esquire, containing his reply to the several charges for misconduct in his office of Prothonotary of Chester county, exhibited against him on the sixth instant, was read, and Monday next appointed for going into the consideration of the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Frederick Watts,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Samuel Edie,	George Ross,	
Abraham Smith,		

The petition of William Smith, (late Master of the ship Anna,) stating that he was arrested in May last at the suit of Frederick Phile, who prosecuted as well for himself as the Commonwealth, that he is poor and unable to follow the seas for a livelyhood by reason of this prosecution, was read,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform Frederick Phile, Esquire, that he may discontinue the suit on the part of the State.

Upon the petition of divers inhabitants of the county of Berks, complaining of irregular proceedings at a late election of Justices of the Peace for the district of the townships of Colebrookdale, Earl, and Oley, and also the representation of the members of Assembly from the said county.

Ordered, That the said election be set aside and the commission issued thereupon to Matthias Richards, Esquire, be revoked and made void.

Ordered, That a warrant under the less seal directed to the Constable or Overseer of the said district, be now issued for holding a new election on the fourteenth day of April next.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Andrew Henderson, Esquire, for one hundred and seven pounds, ballance due upon his account as Deputy Surveyor of the fourth district of donation land, according to the Comptroller's report.

A certificate from Doctor Duffield, that William Miller, now confined in the jail of this city, labors under a severe indisposition occasioned by an inflamation, and stating that his removal to a warmer place than the jail would greatly contribute to his recovery, was read: and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of this city and county be authorized to remove the said William Miller, to the House of Employment, there to remain untill Council shall otherwise direct.

The petition of Casper Eyler, convicted of a riot on the third of December, 1787, and sentenced to six months imprisonment and to pay the costs of prosecution, praying remission of such part of his sentence as is not already complied with, was read, and an order

taken that he be released from his imprisonment upon his paying the costs of prosecution.

A petition from James Elliott, praying to be reimbursed for supplies of provisions furnished to John Franklin, during his confinement in the jail of this city, was read and referred to the Comptroller General, who was desired to report to Council thereon.

The following draft of a letter to the Speaker of the General Assemby was read, adopted, and transmitted to the House, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, March the 8th, 1788.

Sir:—By direction of Council, I do myself the honor to enclose you a state of the representation in Congress for the month of February, 1788, together with the proceedings of the Supreme Court in the case of John McCalmont against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, from which it appears that the sum of five hundred pounds, Pennsylvania currency, is awarded to John McCalmont, and as no funds are appropriated for the payment of the money so awarded, we find it necessary to lay it before the General Assembly.

I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect, your most obedient and very humble servant,

PETER MUHLENBERG.

Hon'ble the Speaker of the General Assembly.

The petition of Thomas Orr, stating that he is a citizen of this State, and praying the alien duty charged under the third section of an act of Assembly passed the fifteenth of March last, upon his second importation of merchandize into this State, was read, and referred to the Collector of the Port, who was desired to report to Council thereon.

The Council met.

Philadelphia, Monday, March 10th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennistn,	
Frederick Watts,	George Ross, and	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	

A letter from Phineas Bond, Esquire, (British Consul,) requesting leave to attend Council that he may have an opportunity of

suggesting certain matters relative to the laws of Pennsylvania, which appear to him worthy of notice, was read.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform Mr. Bond, Council will hear him on Wednesday next on the subject of his letter.

The petition of Peter Forsythe, convicted at the Court of Quarter Sessions for Lancaster county, of stealing a coat, and sentenced to one year's hard labour, and a recommendation from sundry inhabitants of the county, was read,

Ordered, That his fine and punishment at hard labour be remitted.

The further consideration of the charges against Caleb Davis, was postponed.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel James Ross, for five hundred and thirty-one pounds eight shillings and three pence, payable out of the militia fines of the county of Lancaster, being the ballance due upon his account for his services and monies expended as Lieutenant of the saidcounty, from November the fifteenth, 1783, untill September the fifteenth, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for fifty-one pounds, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the second day of January, till the tenth day of March, 1788, the last included.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 11th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Frederick Watts,	George Ross,	
Samuel Edie,	Samuel Dean,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher, and	
John Baird,	Henry Hill,	

Upon the petition of Peter Savakee, convicted at the January Sessions of 1788, of an assault and battery upon George Werkbell, and fined in the sum of twenty shillings, praying remission of the said fine and to be released from his confinement:

Ordered, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, so far as respects the fine due to the State.

The claim of Joseph Mitchell, to certain city lots and lands, in right of the original purchases of John Napper and Margaret

Martindale, from William Penn, Esquire, was read, and referred to the Board of Property for their examination and report.

Council resumed the consideration of the charges against Caleb Davis, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Chester, and upon a full and minute investigation,

Resolved, That the Board are of opinion, the proofs offered in support of the charges are not sufficiently authenticated to justify the removal of that officer.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennisen, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from February the eighth, until March 11th, 1788, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 12th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	George Ross,	
Frederick Watts,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	
John Baird,		

The several fines imposed upon Michael Conner, John Otto, and William Wade, now confined at hard labour in the jail of this city, were remitted, upon their petition.

The petition of Joseph and Henry Rodgers, stating their claim to five thousand acres, with city lots and liberty lands appurtenant thereto, in right of the original purchase of Francis and George Rodgers, from William Penn, Esquire, first proprietor of Pennsylvania, was read.

Phineas Bond, Esquire, attended and was heard upon the subject of his letter, presented to Council on the tenth instant, and after some time spent in conference, he was desired to state to the Board in writing, the several matters which may appear to him to be worthy of notice for the consideration of Council.

The Committee of Ways and Means, having requested a conference with Council, touching some difficulties which have occurred in the examination of the statement of the finances by the Comptroller General the same was agreed to, and the Committee notified to attend for that purpose, to-morrow at eleven o'clock, in the Council Chamber.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 13th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	George Ross,	
Frederick Watts,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	
John Baird,		

The petition of Mary Buchannan, convicted on two indictments for larceny, and sentenced to hard labor for six months, and a fine of eleven shillings and three pence was read.

Ordered, That the fine and punishment at hard labor be remitted.

The Committee of Ways and Means were introduced to Council. They informed the Board that considerable sums had been drawn from the Treasury without any appropriation, by the Legislature, and requested some information on this subject. They were informed Council would take into consideration what they had represented, and give them all the information they could.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, ending the thirteenth instant.

In favor of Major William Alexander, for one hundred and forty-six pounds ten shillings, ballance due upon his account for surveying the first district of donation lands, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Comptroller General's report upon an account of pay due to one Lieutenant and three men of Captain John Smith's company, of Chester county militia, for militia services in the year 1781, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 14th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Evan Evans,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
George Ross,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Frederick Watts,	Christopher Kucher,	
Samuel Edie,	James Read, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	
John Baird,		

The fine due to the State, and punishment at hard labor, to which Hugh Burney was sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Berks, upon being convicted of horse stealing, was remitted upon his petition and recommendation from the Justices of the said Court.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Evan Evans, Esquire, for forty-one pounds five shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council between the first of February and seventeenth of March, 1788, both days included, and for three mileages, two of which were omitted, to be charged during the last year.

In favor of Michael Hubley, Esquire, for sixty-four pounds six shillings and eight pence, out of the monies arising from the arrearages of militia fines in the county of Lancaster, in full of his account for the rent of a house for storing the public arms and ammunition of Lancaster county, and for the rent of an office for the Lieutenant of said county, from March, 1781, to October, 1783, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Evan Evans,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	
John Baird,	Frederick Watts,	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	George Ross,	

The petition of Peter Ely, convicted at a Court of Quarter Sessions held at Chambersburg, for the county of Franklin, of an as-

sault and battery, and find thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, with a recommendation from the Magistrates and others, was read.

Ordered, That the fine be reduced to five pounds.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Mrs. Anne McKnight, late widow of Doctor Humphrey Fullerton, deceased, for six hundred and forty-one pounds five shillings, being her pension from the fifth of May, 1781, until the ninth of January, 1786, the time of her widowhood, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated October 1st, 1781.

In favor of Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter, of Bucks county, for forty-two pounds three shillings and nine pence, being due for pension from December the tenth, 1787, untill the eleventh instant, according to the Comptroller General's report, and the same act of Assembly.

In favor of Samuel Scott, for forty-three pounds eleven shillings and six pence.

Samuel Henry, for forty-seven pounds four shillings, and Henry Sheffer, in State money, of the emission of April, 1781, in full of their several certificates for horses furnished by them for public use, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated the eighth of April, 1782.

In favor of Catherine, the widow of General William Thomson, for seventy pounds six shillings and three pence, being one quarter's pension due to her according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated the first of March, 1780.

The petitions of William Roberts, alias Edwards, Edward May, and Daniel Quare, by their attorney in fact, Timothy Hurst, stating their claim to five thousand five hundred acres of land with city lots and liberty land appurtenant thereto, in right of several original purchases from William Penn, Esquire, the first proprietor of Pennsylvania, were read and referred to the Board of Property, for their examination and report.

A certificate from Edward Burd, Esquire, that Elijah Weed hath entered sufficient security to prosecute with effect an appeal from the settlement of his account as Storekeeper in the year 1778, by the Comptroller General, was read, and the said appeal allowed.

Upon a letter from John Nicholson, stating a difficulty respecting the construction of the resolution of Council of the seventeenth of January last, and praying some further direction from Council,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the Comptroller General that the whole of the fines of the Chester county militia mentioned in said resolution, are to be reduced to seven dollars.

The consideration of Joseph Mitchell's claim to city lots, &ca., in right of original purchases from William Penn, Esquire, was postponed until Tuesday next.

A petition from Thomas Gordon, attainted of high treason, by virtue of a proclamation of Council dated the twenty-second day of June, 1779, praying a pardon of the said offence, was read, and the prayer of the said petition granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 17th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

John Baird,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Samuel Edie,	Samuel Dean,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
Nathan Dennisen,	George Ross,	
John Smilie,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Frederick Watts, Esquire, for eighty-six pounds six shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from December the second, 1787, until March the seventeenth, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of Griffith Owen, for twenty pounds, in full of his account for winding and keeping in repair the State House clock, for one year, from March the fourth, 1787, until March the fourth, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
George Ross,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederiek Watts,	John Smilie, and	
John Baird,	Samuel Edie,	

Upon the petition of Thomas Williams, convicted of larceny at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia county, praying Council to take his to case into consideration, and extend mercy to him,

Ordered, That the punishment at hard labour for one year, to which he was sentenced by the said Court be remitted.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Door-keeper be directed to take for the use of Council six copies of the Fœderal Gazette, on each day of publication.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the seventeenth of February until March the eighteenth, 1788, inclusively, (deducting four days,) and his mileage.

A petition from a number of persons belonging to the militia of Berks county, now confined in the jail of said county, for deserting their corps while on a tour of duty for the protection of the inhabitants of Luzerne county, stating their sufferings and praying to be liberated, was read, and an order taken that as many of the petitioners as are under age, be released from confinement.

The report of Sharp Delany, Esquire, upon the petition of Thomas Orr, referred to him on the eighth instant, was read, and the said report and petition transmitted to the Attorney General for his opinion thereon.

The several petitions from John Rheiner, praying remission of the fines imposed upon him, were read, and the further consideration thereof postponed untill to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice president.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
George Ross,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watts,	Samuel Edie and	
John Baird,	Henry Hill,	
Nathan Dennisen,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of General William Irvine for one hundred and fifty pounds, in part of his pay as a delegate from this State to Congress, for which sum he is to account.

The consideration of General Watts' motion "that Council direct the Attorney General to discontinue the prosecutions commenced respecting certain riots said to have been committed in Cumberland county, on the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh of December last," was postponed until to-morrow.

The opinion of the Attorney General that Thomas Orr, whose case was referred to him yesterday, was an alien at the time of his second importation of merchandize into this State, and therefore liable to pay the duty charged upon the said merchandize, under the third section of the act of Assembly, passed the fifteenth of March, 1787, was received, and read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That Council concur in the said opinion, and that the petition of Thomas Orr be dismissed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 20th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,
James Read,	Abraham Smith,
George Ross,	Christopher Kucher,
Frederick Watts,	John Smilie.
John Baird,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for fifty-five pounds eighteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from January the ninth untill March the twentieth, 1788, both days included, (deducting three days' absence) and his mileage.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will go into the appointment of a Collector of tonnage, in the room of John Baynton, Esquire, deceased.

A letter from Governor Randolph, dated March the tenth, 1788, in answer to a letter from Council, respecting a Negro man now confined at hard labor in the jail of this city, supposed to be the property of a citizen of Virginia, was read.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Council resumed the consideration of General Watts' motion—"That the Attorney General be directed to discontinue the prosecutions commenced respecting certain riots said to have been committed in Cumberland county, on the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh of December last," agreeably to the petition of divers inhabitants of the said county;—thereupon,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be directed to enter a Noli Prosequi in this case.

A letter from Phineas Bond, Esquire, British Consul, dated the fifteenth instant, stating in writing agreeably to the desire of Coun-

cil the several matters touching the rights and interests of British subjects, which he communicated in conference to Council on the twelfth instant, was read and ordered to be filed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 21st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
George Ross,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watts,	Henry Hill, and	
John Baird,	Samuel Edie,	
Nathan Dennisen,		

Council took into consideration the case of James Thompson, alias James McAlpine, now confined in the jail of this city under sentence of death; and thereupon

Ordered, That the said James Thompson, alias James McAlpine, be and he hereby is reprieved for the further term of twenty-one days from and after the twenty-fourth instant.

Agreeably to the minutes of yesterday, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Collector of the duties of tonnage, in the room of John Baynton, Esquire, deceased; and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that Samuel Caldwell, Esquire, was duly elected to that office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 22nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Frederick Watts,	Christopher Kucher,	
John Baird,	John Smilie, and	
Nathan Dennisen,	Samuel Edie,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennisen, Esquire, for sixteen pounds five shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the twelfth until the twenty-second of this month, inclusively, and his mileage.

The petition and remonstrance of a number of inhabitants of Chester county, of the people called Quakers, in behalf of themselves and others in similar circumstances, stating that being conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, they have been fined in considerable sums for not attending militia musters, and their property seized to satisfy the same by Collectors who have neglected or refused to give receipts therefor, and to render proper accounts of their proceedings, by reason of which neglect the petitioners are still chargeable with the same fines, and praying Council to grant them some relief in the premises, was read; and thereupon

Resolved, That upon the petitioners producing to the Lieutenant of the said county such evidence (other than a receipt) as shall satisfy him for their having paid the said fines by distress of property, or otherwise, he be directed to stay all proceedings against them, until he make report to Council of the proof he has of their having made payment thereof.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 25th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Henry Hill, George Ross, James Read, John Baird, Samuel Edie, Abraham Smith, John Smilie, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 26th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, George Ross, Abraham Smith, John Smilie, James Read, Samuel Edie, John Baird, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Armstrong, Junior, Esquire, for one hundred and seventy-five pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for his pay as a delegate from this State to Congress, from the ninth day of January until the twenty-sixth day of March, 1788, inclusively, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the petition of Philip Kitchen, convicted of fornication in the county of Bedford,

Ordered, That the fine to which he was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions for the said county, be remitted.

The letter from Phineas Bond, Esquire, British Consul, read on the twentieth instant, was again read, and an order taken that the same be transmitted to the General Assembly.

The Vice President and Mr. Edie attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 27th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
George Ross,	James Read,	
Samuel Edie,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, ending the twenty-fifth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report, and in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary, due to him on the same day, as one of the Judges of the same court, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The following draft of a letter to the Speaker of the General Assembly, was read, approved, and transmitted, with the inclosures, to the House:

In Council, Philadelphia, March the 27th, 1788.

SIR:—By direction of Council, I do myself the honor to inclose for the consideration of your Honorable House, a representation from the Consul of his Britannic Majesty, a petition from Leeson Simmons, and memorial from Adam Betz, containing a complaint against Jacob Weaver, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace in the county of Berks. I am, Sir, with great respect,

your obedient and humble servant,

PETER MUHLENBERG, V. P.

Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 28th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James Read,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird, and	
George Ross,	Samuel Edie,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, for one hundred and eighty-seven pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for nine months' salary, due to him as Attorney General, on the thirty-first of this month, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the petition of Cato Forster, now confined in the jail of this city, and a recommendation in his favor:

Ordered, That the fine due to the State and the punishment at hard labour to which he was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held at Philadelphia, on the twenty-second day of October, 1787, be remitted.

A return of an election of Justices of the Peace for the district of the townships of Warrington and Manahan, in the county of York, with a remonstrance against the said election, from a number of persons residing in the said district, was read and an order taken that Daniel May, Andrew Thompson, and Henry Slagle, Esquires, living near the said district, be authorized to investigate the facts stated in the said remonstrance, upon the oaths of such witnesses as may be adduced, and make report thereof to this Board in manner and form prescribed by an act entituled "An Act to remedy the defects of the several Acts of Assembly, heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &ca."

The Vice President and Mr. Edie attended the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	John Baird, and	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Alexander McDowell, for seventy-nine pounds ten shillings, agreeably to an act of Assembly, dated February 27th, 1788, for his services in surveying the lines of one of the districts in the late Indian purchase, which was rendered useless.

In favor of Mr. William Power, for eighty-eight pounds, being the ballance due upon his account for his services in surveying the seventh district of donation land, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Captain Christian Madery, for one hundred and fourteen pounds sixteen shillings and ten pence, ballance of pay due to his company of Berks County Militia, on a late expedition to Wioming, according to the Comptroller General's report; this sum to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines in said county.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for thirty-four pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the twenty-first of February until the twenty ninth of March, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of Philip Beck, for thirty pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Dauphine, in full of his account for repairing fifty stands of arms belonging to the said county, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Joseph Perkin, for one hundred pounds, payable out of the militia fines of the city and county of Philadelphia, towards defraying the expense of repairing the public arms belonging to the said city and county, for which sum he is to account.

The Comptroller General's report upon the letter from the delegation inclosing a report of the Board of Treasury of the United States, which were referred to him on the eighth instant, was this day received and read, and a copy thereof, together with the inclosures transmitted to the delegates of this State in Congress.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 31st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	George Ross, and	
Samuel Edie,	James Read,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Abraham Morrow, for thirty pounds, towards defraying the expences of repairing the public arms of the city and county of Philadelphia, for which sum he is to account, the same to be paid out of the militia fines of the said city and county.

Joseph Ferree, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Philadelphia, upon a return made according to law for the district of the townships of Germantown and Roxborough, upon a vacancy occasioned by the death of Matthew Holegate, Esquire.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1st, 1788, Tuesday.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
George Ross,	Abraham Smith,	
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Samuel Edie,		

Upon the petition of John Manderfelt,

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds payable to the use of the Commonwealth, imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia county, upon being convicted of keeping a tipling house, be remitted.

The fine imposed by the same Court upon John Archibald, for the like offence, was also remitted.

The case of Thomas Williams, whose punishment at hard labour was remitted on the eighteenth instant, was again taken into consideration and the fine of twenty shillings imposed upon him remitted.

Council being informed that Mr. Mordecai Lewis, merchant of this city, is possessed of some papers which may probably tend to elucidate the claim and title of Charles Cecil, to city lots in right of Richards Ward's original purchase now depending before the Board.

Ordered, That the Secretary write a letter to Mr Lewis, requesting him to attend Council to-morrow at eleven o'clock, with such papers, if any he has.

The further consideration of the claims of Charles Cecil and Joseph Mitchell, to city lots, &ca., was postponed.

Council resumed the consideration of the several petitions from John Rheiner, stating his extreme poverty, and praying remission of the fine imposed upon him by the Supreme Court upon being convicted of a fraud in rebranding a quantity of flour; thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine due from him to the Commonwealth be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 2nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Geore Ross,	John Baird,	
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, for fifty-three pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from February the second, until April the second, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Matthias Hollenback, Esquire, one for twenty-five pounds two shillings and six pence, specie, and the other for fifteen pounds sixteen shillings paper money, in full of his account for supplies furnished to the Berks County Militia, lately stationed at Wioming, according to the Comptroller General's report of the twenty-eighth of March, 1788.

A transcript of the record of the conviction of John Brown, for felony and burglary, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at Norristown, for the county of Montgomery, on the twenty-fourth day of March last, together with the sentence of the said Court, "that the said John Brown be hanged by the neck 'till he be dead," was received and read, and the consideration thereof postponed untill Friday next.

Mordecai Lewis attended in Council with some papers relative to the claim of Charles Cecil to city lots, and said Cecil was admitted to a further hearing touching his said claim.

Council took into consideration the petition of James McAlpine, now confined in the jail of this city, under sentence of death for piracy, together with a recommendation of him from divers citizens, and considering also, that his wife and child have come from a neighbouring State to this city, and may be greatly distressed by his longer confinement; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said James McAlpine be pardoned.

The petition of John Price and Benjamin Humphreys, stating their claim to city lots and liberty land, in right of original purchasors, was read and referred to the Board of Property, for their examination and report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 3rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
George Ross,	Samuel Edie,	
James Read,		

The petition of Pheobe Douglass, convicted at the City Court held in October last, of larceny, and sentenced to a servitude of two years, was read.

Ordered, That she be sent to the House of Employment, untill delivered, and that the Jailor be directed to provide for her suitable accommodations and such things as are absolutely necessary for lying in, and to call on Council for payment

The petition of Frederick Fultz, belonging to the corps Invalid Guards, praying Council to grant him a discharge therefrom, in consideration of his particular circumstances, was read, and the prayer thereof granted.

Upon the petition of John Reynolds, praying remission of the several fines imposed upon him by the last Supreme Court, and a City Court held in February last, upon being convicted of two indictments for selling spirituous liquors without licence, in the jail of this city;

Ordered, That the said fines be remitted.

Jacob Weaver, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Philadelphia, upon a return made according to law, for the district of the township of the Northern Liberties.

A petition from Thomas Armor, stating that in the year 1782, he became a joint purchaser with William Crispin, of a confiscated estate in York county, late of William Rankin, for which he paid his proportion of purchase money, in State certificates, to Henry Osborne, late Escheator General, who is since absconded, and praying that his part of said estate may be confirmed to him by deed, or that his certificates be returned to him, was read and referred to the Comptroller General, to make some inquiry concerning the said purchase, and report to Council.

A petition from several persons resident in the Northern Liberties, informing Council that there are a number of vacant lots lying north of the city of Philadelphia, which they conceive have become the property of the Commonwealth, under the Act of Assembly passed in November, 1779, for vesting the estate of the late Proprietaries in the Commonwealth, and suggesting to Council whether it would not be proper that they should be inclosed for public use, was read and referred to the Comptroller General, to make some inquiry respecting the said lots, and report to Council.

Council proceeded agreeably to the directions of the third section of the act of Assembly dated the twenty-eighth of March last, to the appointment of Commissioners for opening certain roads in the counties of Northampton and Luzerne, when John Nicholson, Henry Drinker, Tench Coxe, Mark Wilcox and Tench Francis were duly elected.

Ordered, That previous to the money appropriated by the said act, being paid to the said Commissioners, they be required to enter security in the sum of two thousand pounds, for the faithfull discharge of the trust reposed in them.

Appliation being made to Council to direct the repair of the artillery of this city, an estimate was furnished, amounting to ninety-eight pounds fifteen shillings, and it was agreed that the same be repaired, provided such repair does not exceed the said estimate.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 4th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
George Ross,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	

Mr. Smith was appointed a member of the Board of Property.

The fine imposed upon James Johnston, for retailing spirituous liquors without licence, was remitted.

The petitions of Hugh McCutcheon and George Cooper, of the county of Lancaster, stating that two hogsheads of rum purchased by them, have been seized and condemned for a neglect to enter the same in due time with the Collector of Excise in the said county, and praying remission of that part of the forfeiture which belongs to the Commonwealth, were read, together with a recommendatory letter from Mr. Turnbull, the Collector; thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A letter from Francis Johnston, Receiver General, informing Council that one hundred and eight lots in Elder's district of depreciation lands, were struck off to John Vanderen, sixty to Mordecai Roberts, and one to John M'Mahon, for the use of the said John Vanderen, and it appearing that a commission of lunacy has been awarded against the said John Vanderen,

Ordered, That the said sales be set aside.

Upon the report of Francis Johnston, Esquire, Receiver General, of the persons "who are in arrear for purchase money, office fees and Deputy Surveyor's fees, in the respective depreciation districts,

Ordered, That the Receiver General be directed to inform those persons if they do not immediately appear and pay off their respective ballances, they will be proceeded against as the law directs.

The consideration of the case of John Brown, now under sentence of death in Montgomery county, was postponed until to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 5th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Baird,	
George Ross,	Samuel Edie, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	

On motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be directed to State to the Supreme Court the case and situation of the debt forfeited to the Commonwealth, by the attainder of Michael Conner, and paid into the Treasury by John Duffield, and that he move the said Court, that judgment be stayed untill the merits of the same be interpleaded before them.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds, in full for his

attendance in Council, from the fifth day of March untill the fifth day of April, 1788, inclusively.

An order was directed to issue upon the Treasurer in favor of James Elliot, for twenty pounds five shillings, amount of his account for eighteen weeks' boarding of John Franklin, a State prisoner, now in the jail of this city, on a charge of high treason, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The consideration of John Brown's case was postponed until Council receive some information from the Judges.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 7th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	
John Baird,		

A letter from the Surveyor General, dated November the twenty-ninth, 1787, was read, whereupon,

Resolved, That the Surveyor General be informed that the fees of two shillings and six pence each, paid by the Deputy Surveyors on each survey, as mentioned in his letters, are not payable into the Treasury of the State, neither can they be retained by the Surveyor General, as a salary officer, and that therefore they ought to be restored to those Deputys who have paid them.

The fine due to the State, and punishment at hard labour, to which Sarah Pearson was sentenced by the General Court of Quarter Sessions and Jail Delivery, held in Montgomery county, on the twenty-seventh of March, 1787, upon being convicted of larceny, was remitted, upon her petition and a recommendation in her favor.

Council went into the consideration of the case of John Brown, under sentence of death in the jail of the county of Montgomery, for burglary, and having received a letter from the Judges containing information respecting him from which no favorable circumstances appear; thereupon,

Ordered, That a warrant under the less seal of the State, be now issued, commanding the Sheriff of the county of Montgomery to execute the sentence of the court, upon the said John Brown, on Saturday the twelfth day of this month, between the hours of ten and two of the clock of the same day, at the usual place of execution.

Council having received information that Thomas Rees, one of the sureties for Jacob Auld, Collector of Excise in the county of Montgomery, has moved out of the said county; thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Auld be required to enter with the Treasurer of the State new security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie, John Baird,
Abraham Smith, John Smilie,
Samuel Dean, } Esquires.

Upon the petition of Jaret Boyd, and a recommendation in his favor from divers inhabitants of the county of Bucks,

Ordered, That the fine due to the Commonwealth from the said Jaret Boyd, upon his being convicted at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Bucks county, of retailing spirituous liquors without a licence for so doing, be remitted.

A letter from William Moore Smith, attorney for Anna Culbertson and John Mulhallen, defendants in two ejectments brought by John Dunn, lessee of James Delany, and Margaret his wife, informing Council that he has appeared to prevent judgment being obtained against the defendants, who hold, under the Commonwealth, certain lands in Northampton county, late of Andrew Allen, an attainted traytor, and that as the State is alone interested in the event of the suit, he conceived it incumbent on him to give Council this information, that measures may be taken to defend the right of the Commonwealth, was read and transmitted to the Attorney General, who was desired to inform Council as soon as may be what steps are necessary to be taken by Government in this business.

Upon a letter from the Commissioners of the county of Berks, requested Council to give orders for the removal of a certain Jacob Livergood, junior, who hath been convicted of uttering counterfeit money in the county aforesaid, and sentenced to two years' hard labour, &ca.,

Ordered, That a warrant under the less seal of the State, be now issued for removing the said Jacob Livergood, junr. from his present confinement in the jail of the county of Berks to that of the city and county of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 9th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	
John Smilie,		

A letter from the Comptroller General, stating that he has stopped a certificate for depreciation of pay of Michael Ryan, presented by Robert Ross; that application is made for it by Robertson and Smith; that it is signed by Abraham Dubois and William Goforth, who were only authorized to settle with the regiment of artillery; for this and other reasons mentioned in his letter, he has detained this certificate, and wishing the directions of Council, was read; whereupon, Council examining the minutes and finding the said Abraham Dubois and William Goforth were not authorized to grant such certificates,

Ordered, That the Comptroller General keep the said certificate, unless compelled by law to deliver it up.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Managers of the House of Employment, for thirty-two pounds six shillings, payable out of the sum of one hundred pounds, granted by act of Assembly dated the twenty-eighth day of March last, for the relief of James McManus, an invalid, being in full of their account for supplies of provisions and clothing furnished to him from the twenty-fifth of September last to the present time, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the petition of Elizabeth Elliott,

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds to which she was sentenced by the last Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia, upon being convicted of keeping a tipling house be remitted.

The petitions of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, William Sheaf, James Pearson, and George and William Hunter, stating in behalf of themselves and others, divers claims to city lots, &c., under several original purchases from William Penn, Esquire, the first proprietary of Pennsylvania, were read and referred to the Board of Property, for their examination and report.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Benjamin Lodge, for one hundred and thirty-one pounds ten shillings, ballance due upon his account for surveying the fifth district of donation lands.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 10th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, Abraham Smith, and } Esquires.
James Read, Samuel Edie, }

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for seventeen pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from March the nineteenth untill April the tenth, 1788, inclusively.

In favor of Colonel James O'Harra, or order, the sum of three hundred and seventy-five pounds, in part of seven thousand dollars which, on the tenth day of January, 1788, Council agreed to pay him, for supplying the troops in the western country with provisions, for which sum he is to account. This sum to be charged to the United States.

In favor of William Ferguson, guardian of the minor children of Michael Campbell, deceased, for seventy-seven pounds ten shillings, being due for their pension of the fifth of December, 1787, according to the Comptroller General's report and an act of Assembly dated the twentieth of March, 1780.

In favor of the widow of Lieutenant William Houston, deceased, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being due for her pension untill the twentieth day of January, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report and an act of Assembly dated March the first, 1780.

Several memorials containing and stating claims to city lots, &ca., under original purchasers, being now before the Board, and as the period limitted by law for making these claims is nearly expired, and Council not having it in their power to go immediately into an investigation of the whole; therefore,

Resolved, That all such claims as are now entered shall lay over for their future investigation and determination, and for such claims as shall then be established warrants shall issue from the date of the application.

Resolved, That Thursday, the seventeenth day of this month, be appointed for going into the consideration of the claims aforesaid, and that the Attorney General and the Land Officers be requested to attend Council while engaged in this business.

The petitions of Richard Peters, Esquire, of John Taylor and Rebecca, his wife, and Hopkins, by their attorney, Samuel Morris, of John Penn, Jun'r, and John Penn, by their attorney, Tench Francis, and of Anthony Cuthbert, Mary Jenkins, Thomas Mason, and William Carter and Mary, his wife, stating their seve-

ral claims to city lots, &ca., under original purchasers, were received and read, and referred to the Board of Property for their examination and report.

Upon the petition of James Lawson, of Franklin county, in behalf of his servant, John Hollan, alias Moody, who hath been convicted of larceny in the county of Chester, praying remission of the sentence of the court for the said offence,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State and punishment at hard labour to which the said John Hollan, alias Moody, was sentenced, be remitted.

The proposals of John Skinner for making a good and sufficient road from this side of Sideling hill to the opposite side of Ray's hill, in the county of Bedford, in the following manner, that is to say, all that part of the State road that lays between the mouth of the road that leads from the State road, on the east side of Sideling hill, to Colonel Ashman's Iron Works, the nearest and best way to the top of Sideling hill, and so on to the west side of Ray's hill, as far down as a large hickory tree, standing down said hill about two hundred rods from the top, the distance supposed to be about eight miles, to be not less than twelve feet wide in the dug places and among the rocks, the waters in general to run on the hill side, the passes to be sufficient for three waggons to draw off to one side for others to pass by, not more than twenty rods distance from one another, and all the other ground between to be not less than twenty feet wide. All which work to be compleated on the last day of November, for the sum of five hundred pounds in gold or silver, or other good current money with the merchants of this State, three hundred pounds whereof to be advanced to him before he begins the said work, were read, and accepted by Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 11th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read, and	
John Smilie,	Henry Hill,	
Samuel Edie,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Skinner for three hundred pounds, being in part of the sum of five hundred pounds which is payable to him upon the execution of his contract, entered into yesterday with the Commonwealth, for

making a good and sufficient road from this side of Sideling hill to the opposite side of Ray's hill, in the county of Bedford

A certificate from Edward Burd, Esquire, that Messieurs Thomas Fitzimmons and John Donaldson, of this city, merchants, hath entered sufficient security to prosecute with effect an appeal from the settlement of the accounts of John Mitchell, contractor for the State Navy in the years 1776 and 1777, was read, and the said appeal allowed.

The petition of Joshua Elder, respecting the settlement of his accounts as late Sub-Lieutenant of Lancaster county, was read, and referred to the Comptroller General.

The Council met.

Saturday, April 12th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,	} Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read, and	
John Smilie,	John Baird,	

A letter from John Nice, Esquire, inclosing his commission as Major of the second battalion of the militia of the county of Philadelphia, informing Council of his intention to remove himself and family to the Susquehanna river, and praying leave to resign his said commission, was read, and his resignation accepted.

Council being informed that the Sheriff of the county of Montgomery has been opposed in the execution of the warrant issued from this Board on the seventh instant, in the case of John Brown, and the time allowed in the said warrant being in the opinion of Council too short; thereupon

Ordered, That a warrant under the less seal of the State be now issued, for extending the time of the execution of the sentence of the court upon the said John Brown until six o'clock in the evening of this day, which warrant the Sheriff of the said county is commanded to execute at his peril, and if further opposition be given that he call in the aid of the good people of the county aforesaid.

The petition of John Logan, convicted of a misdemeanor in harbouring a person who had made his escape from the jail of this city, was read, and referred to the Attorney General, who was requested to inform Council whether any favorable circumstances appeared upon the trial of the petitioner.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 14th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie, John Smilie, and
John Baird, James Read, } Esquires.
Abraham Smith,

Upon the application of Charles Hellstedt, Esquire, Swedish Consul, requesting that Council would be pleased to direct the publication of a letter which he has received from one of his Swedish Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, informing him of the strict neutrality which his Swedish Majesty has thought proper to adopt at this time when a war is kindling between the Court of Russia and the Ottoman Porte, and directing him to make the same known to all Swedish subjects who may be within his department, and to forbid them to take any part directly or indirectly in any enterprises against merchant vessels of the two Empires.

Ordered, That the said letter be published.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia be directed to furnish Council as soon as may be, with a statement of all monies now due in his office for impost.

The consideration of Mr. Peters' application for a warrant for Liberty land in right of an original purchase, was postponed until Thursday next.

The Attorney General made report upon the case of John Logan, the consideration of which was postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie, James Read, and
John Baird, Henry Hill, } Esquires.
Abraham Smith,

Upon application of Captain Joseph Stiles, superintendant of the Gunpowder Magazine, informing Council that a vessel has arrived in this port with gunpowder, and that as the said Magazine is now full, praying the licence of Council to store the same in a small

frame house nearly adjoining the Magazine commonly called "The Guard House."

Ordered, That the Secretary inform Captain Stiles, that he has the permission of Council to use the said Guard House, for the purpose of storing the gunpowder before mentioned.

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State on the eighteenth of March last. And in favor the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as a Judge of the same Court, on the twenty-fifth of the same month, according to the Comptroller General's report.

A deed was signed by the Honorable the Vice President, bearing date this day, conveying to Michael Gunkle, in fee simple, four lots of ground marked and numbered ten, eleven, twenty-five and twenty-six, being part of the ground whereon the Barracks lately stood—sold for the sum of four hundred and forty pounds, which has been paid into the Treasury as appears by a certificate from one of the Commissioners for the sale of the Barracks.

Council took into consideration the petition of John Logan, now confined in the jail of this city, together with the report of the Attorney General in his case; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the punishment of hard labour to which he was sentenced by a Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Philadelphia, on the 12th of February last, upon being convicted of a misdemeanor in harbouring and maintaining a certain Robert Waterman, a felon, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 16th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,
John Baird,
Abraham Smith,
James Read, and
John Smilie,
} Esquires.

On motion,

Ordered, That the order of Orphans' Court, in favor of the children of William Shippen, and the other papers relating to that business, be transmitted to the Attorney General in order that they may be laid before the Supreme Court.

Samuel Caldwell, Esquire, appointed by Council on the twenty-second of March last, to be Collector of Tonnage, in the room of

John Baynton, Esquire, now offered David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary of the Land office, as his security for the faithfull discharge of the duties of his office aforesaid, who was accepted by Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 17th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
John Baird,	John Smilie, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	
James Read,		

A letter from the Secretary at War of the fifteenth instant, mentioning the necessity of the Commissioned officers to the quota of this State, being soon appointed, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will appoint the said officers.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Matthew M'Clung, for twenty-six pounds six shillings, State money, of the emission of April, 1781, in full for principal and interest due upon his certificate for a horse furnished by him for public use, according to the Comptroller General's report and resolution of Assembly dated the eighth of April, 1782.

In favor of Anthony Wright, for sixteen pounds one shilling and six pence, to enable him to procure the necessary articles to equip the regiment of Artillery belonging to the city, for exercising on the ensuing muster days, for which sum he is to account, to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines in the city and county of Philadelphia.

In favor of Charles Pettit, Esquire, for one hundred and six pounds one shilling, being for his services as a member of Congress from the fifth of April to the nineteenth of May, 1787, both days included, and his travelling charges going to Congress and returning home, according to the Comptroller General's report.

A letter from his Excellency John Hancock, Esquire, informing Council that the General Court of Massachusetts have thought it expedient to repeal their resolution, passed the eighth of February, 1787, offering a reward for the apprehending Daniel Shays and others, and that their proclamation issued in consequence thereof, has been annulled, and requesting that the proclamation which was issued by this State may be recalled, was read.

Upon information received from Colonel William Henry, that a vacancy has happened in the seventh battalion of militia of the city and county of Philadelphia, by the removal of Captain William Paulus out of this State,

Ordered, That the said Lieutenant be directed to hold a new election as soon as may be, for the choice of a proper person as Captain, to supply the number of musquets and bayonets received from the Colonels of the several battalions of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, amounting in the whole to seven hundred and fifty-six musquets and three hundred and ninety-seven bayonets, and requested the direction of Council concerning the delivering of them to the several battalions when repaired.

Ordered, That Colonel Henry be directed to return the said musquets and bayonets when repaired, to the battalions they were received from, anything in the order of Council of the twelfth of January last, to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Attorney General and the Land Officers attended agreeably to notice given them on the tenth instant, when Council and these gentlemen went into the consideration of the claim of Richard Peters, Esquire, to eleven acres of liberty land, in right of Jeremiah Langhorne, in whom Robert Sandiland's right as an original purchaser was vested, and it appearing upon examination of the several papers produced by Mr. Peters, in support of his claim, that the same is well founded.

Ordered, That a warrant issue under the less seal signed by the President or Vice President in Council, for surveying to Richard Peters, Esquire, the said quantity of eleven acres of liberty land.

Council then proceeded to the consideration of the claim of Charles Cecil, and some time being spent in examining his papers, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
John Baird,	Samuel Edie,	
James Read,	John Smilie,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain James McLean, for sixteen pounds six shillings and three pence, being in full of his account for subsistence, in the months of January, February, and March, 1788, and for house rent for one quarter, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon application of Captain David Ziegler,

Ordered, That the Secretary write a letter to the Managers of the House of Employment, requesting them to permit Captain Ziegler to occupy an apartment in the Bettering House, for the reception of such soldiers as he may enlist during his stay in this city.

Nicholas Hunter, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of the townships of Colebrookdale, Earl, and Oley, in the county of Berks.

And Andrew Long, Esquire, for the district of the townships of Warminster, and Warrington, in the county of Bucks, upon a return made according to law.

Nicholas Hunter and Andrew Long, Esquires, were also appointed and commissionated Justices of the Courts of Common Pleas in their respective counties.

Council taking into consideration the Act of the General Assembly passed on the tenth day of November, 1787, intituled "An Act for furnishing the quota of troops required by Congress, for the protection of the Western frontiers, and other purposes therein mentioned," and also, letters from the Secretary at War and Colonel Harmar, from which it appears necessary that Council should immediately go into the appointment of officers to take command of this State's quota of troops: Thereupon,

Ordered, That the following persons be continued in the command of the troops aforesaid: Josiah Harmar, Lieutenant Colonel Commandmant, William Ferguson, Captain of the Artillery.

Captains—David Ziegler,
David McCurdy,
Joseph Ashton
Lieutenants.—Ercurius Beatty,
Thomas Doyle,
John Armstrong.
} Of Infantry.

Edward Spear, of the Artillery.

Ensigns—Ebenezer Denny,
Nathan McDowell,
Robert Thompson.
} Of Infantry.

Surgeon—John McDowell.

Mate—Richard Allison.

Resolved, That the officers aforesaid, rank agreeably to seniority of appointment, since they became officers in the said corps.

The Attorney General and the Land Officers attending Council, went into consideration of the petition of Richard Howe, and John Elliot, by their Attorney, Miers Fisher, and it appearing from the papers produced that Thomas Farmborough, under whom the petitioners claim, was an original purchaser of five thousand acres of land, and that his right is now vested in the petitioners.

Resolved, That the claim of the petitioners, to the said five thousand acres and city lots appurtenant, be admitted.

Council then took into consideration the petition of Joseph Mitchell, claiming divers city lots under the original purchases of James Wallace and Bazelion Forster, and his papers being examined:

Resolved, That his claim under the said James Wallace, be dismissed, the same not being supported.

Resolved, That the said petition so far as respects the claim under Bazelion Forster, be referred to the Comptroller General, who requested to make some inquiry, and inform Council whether the City Lots appurtenant to the said purchase have been sold by the Commonwealth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,
John Baird,
Abraham Smith,
James Read,
Samuel Dean,
John Smilie, and
Henry Hill,
} Esquires.

Council being informed that Captain Ziegler cannot procure a place in the Bettering House for his recruits,

Ordered, That Clement Biddle, Esquire, be directed to procure a house that will answer the purpose of Captain Ziegler, on the best terms he can.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General on the thirteenth instant, and for the sum of fifty pounds for one quarter's salary due to his Clerk on the tenth day of this month.

General Mifflin and Captain Connelly, a Committee from the Officers of the Artillery were introduced and presented to Council the thanks of the said officers for the attention of the Board in directing the repair and equipment of the artillery of this city.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 21st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	James Read,	Esquires.
John Baird,	Abraham Smith,	
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	

The petition of Godfrey Fellker, complaining of Benjamin Van Campen, Esquire, with a letter from the Honorable Robert Traill, and the defence of Mr. Van Campen, being read, and it appearing the charges against Mr. Van Campen were not supported,

Ordered, That the petition of Godfrey Fellker be dismissed.

A remonstrance from a number of Freeholders residing in the district of the townships of Colebrookdale, Earl and Oley, in the county of Berks, against an election of Justices of the Peace lately held in the said district, was read and an order taken, that John Otto, Jacob Weaver and Paul Grosscup, Esquires, Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, living near the said district, be authorized and directed to investigate the facts stated in the said remonstrance upon the oath of such witnesses as may be adduced, and make report thereof to this Board in manner and form prescribed in and by an Act of Assembly intituled "An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made, for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &ca."

Upon application of Captain David Ziegler, an order was drawn in his favor upon the Treasurer for fifty-six pounds five shillings, toward defraying the expence of the Recuiting service, under an Act of Assembly passed the tenth of April, 1787, for which sum he is to account.

The Attorney General and the Land officers attending in Council, the business of examining claims to City lots, &ca., under old rights, was resumed.

Upon the several petitions of Anthoney Cuthbert and Mary Jenkins, respecting their claims to certain City lots,

Ordered, That the said Cuthbert be notified to attend Council as soon as possible with a draft of the lot or lots claimed by him, marking thereon any interference which may appear either with any of the public grounds or private property, and also inserting the names of such persons as have lots bounding thereon, agreeably to the discription contained in certain letters pattent to Reese Price, dated the sixteenth of the ninth month, 1691, under which the said Cuthbert derives his title.

And that the said Mary Jenkins also have notice to attend Council with further proof, (if any can be obtained) respecting Benjamin Marsh, being nephew and heir at law of Joseph Allibone, the original purchasor, as she the said Mary sets forth in her petition.

Upon consideration of the petitions and claims of John Penn, junior, and John Penn, Esquires, under John Brock's original purchase, and of Joseph Mitchell, in right of the original purchase of Bazelion Forster,

Ordered, That the respective claims of the petitioners to certain City lots in right as aforesaid be admitted and confirmed, provided that due and legal proof be made on the part of Messrs. Penns, that Ralph Brock was the son of the said John Brock, the original purchaser, and had a right to convey the premises in question.

The several petitions and claims of John Penn, junior, and John Penn, Esquires, in right of Thomas Brassy's original purchase, and of John Lee, under the original purchase of Thomas Bowrne, "of Crawley, &ca.," and as Attorney in fact for Francis Wallis, William Green and others, who claim under several original purchases, were read, and on due consideration dismissed as being unsupported.

The petition of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, in behalf of the heirs of Robert Dimsdale, an original purchaser, which was read on the ninth instant, was again read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be kept under consideration.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 22nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie,	John Smilie,	} Esquires.
John Baird,	James Read, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Francis Bailey, for fifty-four pounds, in full of his account for printing six reams of blank certificates of the funded debt of this State, according to the Comptroller General's report of the twenty-first instant.

In favor of Samuel Coutty, for fifteen pounds, towards defraying the expence of repairing the public arms belonging to the county of Philadelphia, for which sum he is to account.

Sharp Delany, Esquire, who was re-appointed Collector of the Customs on the ninth of November last, attended in Council and took the oath required by law for his faithfully discharging the duties of the said office.

Mr. Delany at the same time made report of the several sums of money which are now due in his office for impost, in compliance with the resolution of Council of the fourteenth instant.

The petition of Joshua Elder, stating that he can prove by William Todd, Esquire, that he entered a scire facias instead of an appeal, and praying Council to suspend their determination on his application for an appeal, untill he can see Mr. Todd, was read;

Resolved, That the further consideration on his request for an appeal be postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 23d, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Edie, John Baird, Abraham Smith, John Smilie, and James Read, } Esquires.

On motion,

Ordered, That James Hanna, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Bucks.

A dedimus potestatum was issued under the great seal, directed to Samuel Benezet, Esquire, the Prothonotary, and James Hanna, Esquire, the Recorder and Register of the said county of Bucks.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the guardian of Captain William Shippen's children for one hundred pounds, in part of the pension due to the said children.

The Attorney General and the Land Officers attending Council proceeded to the consideration of the claims to city lots, &ca., under old rights; and thereupon

A petition from Joseph Egg was read, setting forth his right to a city lot, forty-nine and a half feet front on Sassafras street and three hundred and six feet in depth; and his deeds and papers accompanying the said petition being examined, and having produced to Council a copy of the record of a patent by which it appears that the said lot has been sold and granted by the Commonwealth to Edward Pole;

Resolved, That Council are of opinion the claim of the petitioner is well founded, and that he is entitled to an equivalent therefor in the mode prescribed in and by the act of Assembly passed on the tenth of April, 1781.

The petition of Peter Thompson, claiming under a certain Thomas Andrews, was read; and thereupon

Resolved, That the said petition and claim be dismissed, Council being of opinion that the same is not within the meaning of the act of Assembly passed on the tenth day of April, 1781, intituled An Act for the better support of the public credit, &ca.

The memorials of Thomas Mason, Joseph and Henry Rodgers, William Harris, Lydia Harris and Martha Harris, Joshua and Joel Evans, John Price and Benjamin Humphreys, Jonathan Thompson, Edward May, William Sheaf, Daniel Quare, Nicholas Young, the heirs of Richard Hill, Richard Peters, Esquire, Samuel Morris, Esquire, attorney to John Taylor and other heirs of Hugh Chamberlain, Peter Thompson, William Roberts, alias Edwards, George and William Hunter, Ephraim Blaine, Charles Hurst, James Pearson, in behalf of himself and others, James Andrews, Thomas Butler and Benjamin Hockley, containing claims under original purchasers, being read, and it appearing that many of them were unsupported by vouchers; therefore,

Resolved, That Council will on the twenty-third day of June next finally decide on such of these claims as are now before them, and were made before the time limitted by law expired; and that all such memorials as shall then remain unsupported by sufficient vouchers to establish their titles, will be dismissed.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be published.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 24th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James Read,	Esquires.
John Baird,	Samuel Edie, and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	
John Smilie,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel James O'Harra for three hundred and seventy-five pounds, in part of seven thousand dollars, which on the tenth day of January last Council agreed to pay to him for supplying the troops in the western country with provisions. for which sum he is to account. This sum to be charged to the United States.

A letter was written to the Justices of the Orphans' Court of the county of Northampton, recommending Mrs. Jane Roseborough, relict of the Reverend John Roseborough, deceased, for such fur-

ther provision for herself and children as may be consistent with the laws of the State.

Whereas, The General Court of Massachusets have repealed their resolution passed the eighth of February, 1787, offering a reward for apprehending Daniel Shays, Luke Day, Adam Wheeler and Eli Parsons, and His Excellency Governor Hancock having requested that the Proclamation issued by this State may be recalled;

Resolved, That the Proclamation issued by this Board, offering the additional reward by this State to the reward given by the State of Massachusets for apprehending the said Daniel Shays, Luke Day, Adam Wheeler and Eli Parsons, be annulled.

A letter was written to his Excellency Governor Hancock, in answer to his letter of the third instant, and inclosing the foregoing resolution.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 25th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James Read,	Esquires.
John Baird,	Samuel Edie and	
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill,	

Three orders were drawn upon the Treasury, in favor of his Excellency Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, for the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds each, amounting in the whole to the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, being eighteen months' salary, due to him as President of the State.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Messieurs Jervis and Morrell, for three pounds, in full of their account for sixteen yards of canvas to cover the ammunition boxes belonging to the Artillery of this city, this sum to be paid out of the monies arising from Militia fines in the city and county of Philadelphia.

Upon the petition of James Reynolds, and a recommendation in his favor,

Ordered, That the punishment at hard labour to which he was sentenced by a court of Oyer and Terminer, held at Philadelphia, on the twenty-sixth of December, 1786, upon being convicted of a misdemeanor, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 26th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

John Baird, Abraham Smith, James Read, Samuel Edie, and Henry Hill, } Esquires.

A memorial from Turnbull, Marmie and Company, was read, wherein they set forth that an order from the Board of Treasury to the United States, was granted them on the receiver of the Continental taxes of this State, for the sum of eight thousand dollars, of which five thousand dollars, were paid in paper currency, and that the sum of three thousand dollars is yet due for which this State has credit with the United States, and praying that they may be reimbursed the loss they have sustained by receiving the first payment in depreciated paper currency, and that the ballance may be paid in specie, or that the origonal warrant from the Board of Treasury may be returned. Council having considered the same,

Ordered, That Messieurs Turnbull, Marmie and Company, be informed that Council cannot allow depreciation on the paper currency, that as it appears by the accounts of the Treasury of this State, that the order aforesaid for the three thousand dollars, hath not been paid by him, they be refer to the Board of Treasury of the United States, by whom the warrant was granted.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of George Passmore, for four pounds eight shillings and six pence, State money, of the emission of April, 1781, being a ballance due upon his certificate for a steer, furnished by him for the use of the Continental army in the year 1780, according to the Comptroller General's report and a resolution of Assembly, dated the eighth of April, 1782.

On motion,

Ordered, That none of the newspapers taken by Council be filed but those of Dunlap's and Claypool's and Bradford's.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 28th 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith, John Baird, and
Samuel Edie, James Read, } Esquires.
Samuel Dean,

On motion,

Ordered, That the Comptroller General be requested to take up David Ziegler's order on the Treasurer for fifty-six pounds five shillings, and furnish him with the amount of the said order in specie.

A letter from William Turnbull of the twenty-eighth of February last, was read.

Ordered, That the said letter, with the accounts and papers of William Turnbull, be referred to the Comptroller General, for his final report.

A petition from Michael Connor was read, stating that he had received material injury from Bryan Connor, as well with regard to his health as estate; that the said Bryan Connor, in consequence of the attempt made upon him, the said Michael Connor, had been sentenced by the Supreme Court to hard labour for the term of two years; that in consequence of this sentence he, the said Michael Connor, is deprived of receiving any compensation for the heavy losses he has sustained, to the great injury of himself and family, and therefore praying that Council would be pleased to remit the sentence passed upon Bryan Connor, on condition that he make compensation to him, the petitioner, for his losses sustained, and immediately quit the United States; and it appearing to Council, from Bryan Connor's petition, and other information, that the said Bryan Connor is rendered totally unfit for hard labor by a rupture and other bodily infirmities, and Messieurs William Bell and Joseph Carson having pledged themselves to Council for the performance of the aforesaid condition; thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Council being divided upon the foregoing resolution, the yeas and nays were called and were as follows, vizt:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Edie,	Mr. Baird,
Mr. Read,	Mr. Hill.	Mr. Smith.

Ten orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, for the sum of one hundred each, in favor of John Nicholson, Henry Drinker, Tench Coxe, Mark Wilcox, and Tench Francis, Commissioners appointed

to carry into execution the act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of March last, for opening and establishing certain roads in the counties of Northampton and Luzerne, amounting in the whole to the sum of one thousand pounds, which is appropriated by said act for the purpose aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read, and	
Samuel Edie,	Samuel Dean,	

On consideration of the Comptroller General's report upon the petition of Thomas Armor, referred to him on the third instant,

Ordered, That the petition aforesaid be dismissed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 30th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James Read, and	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird,	
John Smilie,		

Upon a letter from William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, and William Lewis, respecting the application of David Neiss for the money arising from the sale of one hundred barrels of flour, said to be forfeited by John Rheiner,

Ordered, That the several papers relating to the said application be refered to the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court, for their opinion and report thereon.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for thirty pounds ten shillings in full for his attendance as Door-keeper to Council from March the first until the last day of April, 1788. inclusively.

An estimate was laid before the Board by the Lieutenant of the city, requesting a certain quantity of powder to enable him to furnish the different battalions of the city with thirteen cartridges

per man, agreeably to a supplement to the acts for the regulation of the militia, passed the twenty-second day of March, 1788.

Thereupon,

Resolved, That in compliance with the law, Council are ready to issue an order for so much money as shall be necessary to purchase the powder, on the fund arising from fines on delinquents, for their non-attendance on militia duty.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 2nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires
Samuel Edie,	James Read, and	
John Baird,	John Smilie,	

On application of Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores be directed to deliver to him or order, all the musket cartridges which are filled and now in the magazine, together with such number of empty cartridges as Colonel Henry shall judge necessary for the use of the militia of the said city and liberties on the ensuing muster day.

Upon consideration of the petition of John Henry Fisch, and a recommendation from the Jury accompanying the said petition,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State, and the punishment at hard labour, to which he was sentenced by the last City Court upon being convicted of larceny, be remitted.

Council being informed by the Superintendant of the Magazine, that the said Magazine and the Guard House near the same, are not sufficient to contain all the gun powder that has been lately imported; and the Board apprehending that the safety of the city may be endangered by storing the same in wooden buildings,

Resolved, That the advice and opinion of the Chief Justice, and such other Judges as may be in town, be requested in this business, and a letter was accordingly written to the Chief Justice by the Vice President.

Captain James McLean presented to Council a return of cloathing, wanted for the Corps of Invalid Guards, under his command, and requested directions from Council to purchase the same; whereupon,

Resolved, That an order issue to the Treasurer in favor of Captain McLean, for the sum necessary to purchase the said cloathing, and that the same be deducted out of the pensions of the said invalids.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 3rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
John Smilie,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Baird, for fifty-three pounds five shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the twentieth day of February, until the thirtieth day of April, 1788, inclusively.

Council having taken into consideration the act of Assembly passed on the third of March, 1788, intituled A supplement to an act intituled An Act for raising, by way of lottery, the sum of forty-two thousand dollars, for improving the public roads leading from the city of Philadelphia to the western parts of this State, and towards improving the navigation of the river Schuylkill,

Resolved, That in compliance with the law, that part of the Lancaster road called Jones's lane shall first be repaired, or altered, as specified in the said act; and that to enable Council to Judge with more precision on the measures necessary to be taken, they request John Jones, Esquire, and Messieurs John Curwin, Thomas Roberts, Paul Jones, Abel Thomas, Thomas Cochran and John Ruyter, or a majority of them, to view the said road called Jones's lane, and to report to Council what repairs or alterations, in their opinion, are necessary, together with an estimate of the probable amount of the sum necessary to defray the expence.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Clement Biddle, for seventy-five pounds eleven shillings and five pence, in full of his account for rations supplied the Invalid Corps from February the first until April the thirtieth, 1788, inclusively, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 5th, 1788

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,
Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,
Abraham Smith,	James Read, and
John Baird,	David Redick, (now returned)

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, from October, 1785, until March, 1788, was read and approved.

The petition of William Cole, praying remission of the fine and punishment at hard labour, to which he was sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail Delivery of the county of Philadelphia, was read and dismissed.

The Comptroller General laid before Council a statement of the account of expences of the State House yard for the year 1787, from which it appears that a ballance of three pounds and six pence remains in the hands towards the further improvement of the said yard in the present year.

Resolved, That Council approve of the said account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 6th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
James Read,	John Baird, and	
John Smilie,	Henry Hill,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James R. Reed, Esquire, for three hundred and fifty pounds, in advance, for his pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for nineteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the eleventh day of April, until the sixth day of May, 1788, inclusively.

Two certificates of the division of Cumberland and Morgan townships, and of the township of Donegal, in the county of Washington, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, in order for the more convenient election of Justices of the Peace, were received, read, and

Ordered, To be filed.

Samuel Glasgow, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Washington, upon a return made according to law, for the district of the township of Hanover.

Upon consideration of the complaint of George Smithers, against James Nesbitt and Benjamin Carpenter, Esquires, two of the Justices of the Peace in the county of Luzerne:

Ordered, That the Secretary write a letter to Timothy Pickering, Esquire, requesting him to make some inquiry respecting the conduct of the said Justices in the case of George Smither, and report to Council.

Council took into consideration the resolution of the General Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of March, 1788, directing Council to take the most proper and effectual measures to ascertain the quantity and quality of each particular tract of land claimed by Pennsylvania owners in the townships of Salem, Newport, Hanover, Wilkesbarre, Pittstown, Northmoreland, Putnam, Mishoppen, Springfield, Claverick, Ulster, Exeter, Kingston, Plymouth, Huntingdon, Bedford, and Providence, in the county of Luzerne; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Surveyor General be requested to furnish Council with a copy of all the drafts of lands held in the aforesaid townships and county of Luzerne by Pennsylvania claimants, and which have been returned into his office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 7th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James Read,
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,
John Baird,	John Smilie, and
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher, (now returned.)

A remonstrance from a number of freeholders residing in the district of the townships of Kennett, East and West Marlborough, in the county of Chester, against an election of Justices of

the Peace held in the said district on the twentieth day of December last, was read, and an order taken that William Clingan, John Culbertson, and Isaac Taylor, Esquires, Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, living near the said district, be authorized and directed to investigate the facts stated in the said remonstrance, upon the oaths of such witnesses as may be adduced, and make report thereof to this Board, in manner and form prescribed in and by an act of the General Assembly intituled An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &ca.

Upon application of the Board of Property,

Ordered, That a letter be written to the Governor of Virginia, requesting that his Excellency will be pleased to direct to be made out and transmitted to Council, copies of all such acts of the Legislature of Virginia which in any way relate to the lands situate within the limits of this State, near and adjoining the boundary line which divides this State from that of Virginia, in order the better to enable the Board of Property of this State to determine the rights of certain persons to some of the said lands.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
Samuel Edie,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	Henry Hill,	
James Read,		

Jacob Harsel and Michael Oswald, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace, the former for the district of Turkey Foot, and the latter for the district of Londonderry, in the county of Bedford, upon returns made according to law.

Jacob Harsel and Michael Oswald, Esquires, were also appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid.

Upon the petition of John Chesnut, and a recommendation from the Justices of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Cumberland county,

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds, which was adjudged by said court to be paid by the said John Chesnut to the use of the Commonwealth, upon his being convicted of fornication, be remitted.

Upon the petition of George Everson and Edward Allen,

Ordered, That the fines and punishment at hard labour, to which they were sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the city and county of Philadelphia, the former for receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, and the latter for tealing four false tails, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 9th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
John Smilie,	David Redick, and	
Samuel Edie,	Henry Hill,	
James Read,		

On motion,

Ordered, That Joseph Wharton and William Masters, Esquires, two of the Justices of the Peace in and for the city and county of Philadelphia, be appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of the said city and county.

A letter from the Surveyor General, dated yesterday, relative to the measures necessary to be taken for carrying into execution the resolution of Assembly of the twenty-seventh of March last, for ascertaining the quantity and quality of land in Luzerne county claimed by Pennsylvania owners, was read.

The petition of Mary O'Brian, in behalf of her husband, James O'Brian, who was convicted at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Chester county of horse stealing, praying a pardon, was read, and dismissed.

A letter from the Honorable Thomas McKean and George Bryan, Esquires, two of the Judges of the Supreme Court, dated yesterday, in answer to Council's letter of the second instant, containing their opinion, that as the Magazine will not contain all the gunpowder in the city, and no other place being provided by law for storing it, Council have power to direct that the surplus powder be kept in some safe place, at a distance from any dwelling, so as not to endanger the houses and lives of the inhabitants, and that they apprehend such a place may be more convenient near the river Delaware, either above Kensington or below Southwark, was read.

At the same time was received and read, the opinion of the said Judges in the case of John Rheiner, which was submitted to their consideration, to wit: "That the money arising from the sale of

one hundred barrels of flour, which, on the fifth day of May last, Council resolved to remit to the said Rheiner, but which was afterwards paid into the Treasury, ought now to be paid to the said John Rheiner;" whereupon,

Resolved, That Council approve of the foregoing report of the Judges.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to John Rheiner the sum of one hundred and seventy-two pounds seven shillings and six pence, being the amount of the money arising from the sale of one hundred barrels of flour before mentioned.

Ordered, That the Secretary give notice to Captain Joseph Stiles, superintendant of the magazine of gunpowder, to attend Council to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 10th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	James Read,	
Samuel Edie,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-nine pounds, for attendance in Council from the first of November, 1787, until the last day of April, 1788, inclusive, deducting ten days' absence.

Upon the petition of Robert Heney, accompanied by a recommendation from three of the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the city and county of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the fine to which he was sentenced by the said court, upon being convicted of an assault and battery upon a certain Samuel Harvey, be remitted.

Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, and Superintendent of the Magazine of Gunpowder, attended, agreeably to notice, and received instructions from Council to procure a suitable place, on reasonable terms, either above Kensington or below Southwark, for the purpose of storing such gunpowder as the magazine will not contain.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 13th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
Samuel Edie,	John Smilie, and	
Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,		

Two petitions from John Hazlewood, Esquire, stating some extra expences incurred in the year 1778, while he had the command of the State Navy, and as Commissioner of Purchases for this city in the year 1780, which expences the Comptroller General has not passed to his credit, and praying to be re-imbursed for the same, was read, and referred to the Comptroller General for his examination and report thereon.

A report from Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and Liberties of Philadelphia, inclosing sundry papers relative to a late disputed election of a Captain in the seventh battalion of militia of the said city and Liberties, upon a vacancy occasioned by the removal of Captain Peter Paulus out of the State, was read, and an order taken that the said papers be referred to the said Lieutenant, to take such order thereon as the laws will warrant.

The following list of witnesses to be examined, touching the irregularities complained of at an election of Justices of the Peace, held on the fourteenth of April, in the districts of the townships of Colebrookdale, Earl, and Oley, in Berks county, was laid before Council, vizt:

Jacob Gerber, Inspector. Daniel Yoder, Matthias Roth, } Judges.

Jacob Eisenhower, jun'r,	Thomas Walker,	Charles Miller,
John Handwerk,	John Coultern,	Michael Kuser, and
John Romich,	John Richards,	Valentine Honnetter.
	Thomas Walker,	

Upon which it was

Ordered, That the Secretary transmit the same to John Otto, Jacob Weaver, and Paul Groskup, Esquires, Justices appointed on the twenty-first of April, to investigate the complaint aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 14th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Baird,	
James Read,	John Smilie, and	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	
David Redick,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Irvine, for one hundred and sixty-eight pounds, being the ballance due upon his account for his attendance in Congress as a delegate from this State, from the tenth day of December, 1787, untill the twenty-fifth day of May, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage, according to the Comptroller General's report.

A letter from Charles Thomson, Esquire, Secretary, inclosing a state of the representation in Congress during the months of March and April last, was read, and an order taken that the said letter and inclosures be transmitted to the General Assembly at their next meeting.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of Valentine Hoffman, for forty-nine pounds three shillings and three pence; in favor of Christian Beackley, for thirty-six pounds; and in favor of Messieurs Jervis and Morrell, for thirty pounds fourteen shillings and three pence, being the amount of their several accounts for repairs done to the cannon carriages belonging to the Artillery battalion of this city, according to the Comptroller General's report, payable out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

Upon consideration of the resolution of the General Assembly, dated March the twenty-seventh, 1788, authorizing and directing Council to take the most proper and effectual measures to ascertain the quantity and quality of each particular tract of land included within the townships of Salem, Newport, Hanover, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Northmoreland, Putnam, Mishoppen, Springfield, Claverick, Ulster, Exeter, Kingston, Plymouth, Huntingdon, Bedford, and Providence, in the county of Luzerne, and claimed by Pennsylvania owners, to be reported to the General Assembly, at their next sitting, to enable the House to decide upon the compensation to be made to such owners.

Resolved, That Stephen Balliet, Esquire, and Major William Armstrong, be appointed Commissioners to repair to the county of Luzerne, to view and examine the lands before described, and make

report to Council, agreeably to the purport of the said resolution of Assembly, and that each of the said Commissioners be allowed the sum of sventeen shillings and six pence, for every day they are employed in the said business, which allowance is to include their expences.

Upon application of Major William Armstrong,

Resolved, That his pay as a Surveyor and Contractor for provisions, &ca., for the Commissioners who were employed last year in running and marking the Northern boundary of this State, commence on the tenth day of March, 1787.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May the 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable James Read,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
Samuel Edie,	John Baird, and	
John Smilie,	David Redick,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 16th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird, and	
Samuel Edie,	David Redick,	
John Smilie,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Abraham Morrow, for the sum of forty pounds, payable out of the money arising from militia fines in the county of Philadelphia, towards defraying the expence of repairing the public arms belonging to the said county, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, for two hundred and eighty-nine pounds eight shillings and ten pence, ballance due upon his account as Commissary of Military Stores, according to the Comptroller General's report of the twenty-eighth of last month.

In favor of George Flake, Junior, for seventeen pounds six shillings and eight pence, payable out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, being in full of his account for painter's work done to the cannon carriages belonging to the Artillery of this city, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Captain William Mackee, for one hundred and eighty-nine pounds, and four hundred and seventy-one pounds, amount of his pension from the first day of January, 1781, until the first day of May, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an Act of Assembly dated the twenty-second of September, 1785.

In favor of the widow and children of Henderson Murphy, deceased, for one hundred and fifty-nine pounds thirteen shillings.

The widow and children of Henry Fanthinger, for eleven pounds five shillings.

The widow and children of James Henry, for eleven pounds five shillings.

The widow and child of Hugh Scelly, deceased, for one hundred and twenty-nine pounds six shillings and three pence, and in favor of the widow and child of Richard Delapt, deceased, for eleven pounds five shillings, all late of the county of Bedford militia, the said sums being in part of the pensions due to the said widows and children, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an Act of Assembly dated the twentieth day of March, 1780, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Bedford.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 16th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Christopher Kucher,	
Samuel Edie,	David Reddick, and	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird,	

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Messieurs Kline and Reynolds, for printing work done for Colonel George Gibson, Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, was read and approved, and an order directed to issue in their favor for the sum of twenty-six pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence, amount thereof payable out of the militia fines of the said county of Cumberland.

A deed was examined and signed by the Vice President to Isaac Franks, conveying to him in fee simple, five city lots numbered

from 1635, to 1639, inclusive, situate on the north side of Arch street, and on the east side of Seventh street from Schuylkill, containing in breadth on Arch street, altogether, two hundred and forty-seven and a half feet, and in length or depth, two hundred and eighty-eight feet. Deed dated this day.

The above mentioned lots were sold at public auction in January, 1782, to Haym Solomon, who, (together with Rachel, his wife,) on the second day of January, 1783, released all his right in the said lots unto the said Isaac Franks.

A letter from Charles Thomson, Esquire, dated the twelfth of this month, inclosed an Act of Congress of the eighth instant, respecting the final settlement of the public accounts, as far as they relate to the late Quarter Master's, Commissary's, Hospital, Marine, and Cloathing departments, and appointing Commissioners to settle the said accounts, and to commence suits against all persons in any of the said departments, who stand chargeable with public monies, and whose accounts shall not be rendered for settlement within four months from the date thereof, was read, and an order taken that the said Act of Congress, be published for the information of all concerned in this State.

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Andrew Ellicott, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-nine pounds six shillings and five pence, and for one hundred and ninety-seven pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence, amounting to the sum of three hundred and twenty-seven pounds five shillings and three pence, for which an order was granted him by Council on the nineteenth of December, 1787, for his services as one of the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the Northern boundary of this State, from May the first untill November the twenty-fourth, 1787, and for his travelling charges, which is now divided into two orders, to accommodate Mr. Ellicott.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird,	
Samuel Edie,	David Reddick, and	
John Smilie,	George Ross,	

A letter from Andrew Lytle, with the report of Daniel Brodhead, John Otto, Thomas Dundas and Daniel Levan, Esquires,

appointed by Council to examine into the complaints made against Mr. Lytle, being read, and it appearing the charges for neglect of duty, &ca., were not supported;

Ordered, That the Surveyor General be informed the re-appointment of Mr. Lytle would meet the approbation of Council.

Council reconsidered their resolution of the fourth of December last, in which they directed that no Deputy Surveyor ought to hold districts in different counties, and finding inconveniencies arising from the said resolution;

Resolved, That the said resolution, so far as respects the prohibition against Deputy Surveyors holding districts situate in different counties, be recinded.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 20th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	John Baird,	
Samuel Edie,	David Reddick,	
John Smilie,	George Ross, and	
Samuel Dean,	Henry Hill,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for the sum of forty-one pounds five shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the thirteenth day of March until the twenty-third of May, 1788, inclusively.

In favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, for seven pounds, for the travelling charges of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, to and from a Supreme Court held at Philadelphia for the State of Pennsylvania, in the term of April, 1788.

Charles Cecil laid before Council a paper signed by Miers Fisher, Attorney at Law, containing his opinion that the claim of said Cecil to city lots, &ca., in right of Richard Ward's original purchase, is sufficiently supported by the documents which he has produced, which being read, an order was taken that the said opinion, together with the papers upon which the same is founded, be referred to the Land officers for their consideration and opinion thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 21st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
David Reddick,	Samuel Edie,	
George Ross,	James Read, and	
John Smilie,	Abraham Smith,	

On motion of Mr. Baird,

Ordered, That the Secretary return to him the fee of fourteen shillings, which was advanced for the commission of Collector of Excise for Westmoreland county, granted to John Giffin, who declined to act in said office, and refused to pay to Mr. Baird the fee aforesaid.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Smilie, Esquire, for eighty-one pounds fifteen shillings; and in favor of the Honorable John Baird, Esquire, for thirty-one pounds ten shillings, in full of their several accounts for attendance in Council untill this day, inclusively, and their mileage.

In favor of Robert Aitken, for forty-one pounds eighteen shillings and four pence, in full of his account for printing an abstract of the laws of this State which relate to the militia, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Council being informed by a letter from Mr. Traill, of the death of Robert Levers, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Northampton,

Resolved, That to-morrow the Board will proceed to the choice of a proper person to fill the vacancy aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 22nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Reddick,	Esquires.
Henry Hill	George Ross,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
Samuel Edie,	John Baird, and	
John Smilie,	James Read,	

Robert McIlhaney, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and

for the county of York, upon a return made according to law for the district of the townships of Germany and Mountjoy.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the election of a Prothonotary, Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the county of Northampton, in the room of Robert Levers, Esquire, deceased. And the ballots being taken for the several candidates it appeared that William Craig, Esquire, was duly elected Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas and Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and that John Arndt, Esquire, was duly elected Clerk of the Orphans' Court; whereupon, it was

Ordered, That commissions issue to William Craig, Esquire, as Prothonotary and Justice of the Court of Common Pleas and Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery; and to John Arndt, Esquire, as Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the county aforesaid.

A letter was received from the Honorable Robert Traill, Esquire, requesting leave to resign his seat in Council, which being read and considered, it was

Resolved, Not to accept the said resignation.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 23d, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read, and	
David Reddick,	Henry Hill,	
George Ross,		

Upon application of Colonel William Henry, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for four hundred and twenty pounds, payable out of the money arising from militia fines in the city and liberties of Philadelphia, to defray the expence of exercising the militia of the said city and liberties.

A dedimus potestatem was directed to issue under the great seal to John Arndt, the Recorder and Register, and to William Craig, the Prothonotary of the county of Northampton.

It being represented to Council that the Commonwealth will sustain a loss if the estate of William Hay is now sold,

Ordered, That the Sheriffs of the county of Lancaster and Dauphine, be directed to postpone the sale of the said Hay's estate until after the meeting of the Legislature.

Upon consideration of the petition of Daniel Fogg, and a recommendation in his favor from several respectable inhabitants of the town of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey,

Ordered, That the fine due from him to the Commonwealth and the punishment at hard labour to which he was sentenced by the last city Court, upon being convicted of larceny, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 27th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read,	
George Ross,	Henry Hill,	
David Reddick,		

A petition and recommendation in favor of James O'Bryan, convicted at the Quarter Sessions for Chester county for November last, of horse stealing and sentenced to hard labor for four years and a fine of being read,

Ordered, That his fine and punishment be remitted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for fifty-eight pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the eleventh day of March, until the twenty-seventh day of May, 1788, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable John Armstrong, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, in full ot his account for his attendance as a Delegate from this State to Congress, from March the twenty-seventh untill May the thirty-first, 1788, both days included, and his mileage.

In favor of Simon Steddicorn for seventeen pounds seventeen shillings, and in favor of Thomas Seddon for eleven pounds, in full of their several accounts for printing paper furnished to Robert Aitken for printing an abstract of the Laws of Pennsylvania, now in force relative to the militia, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The fine imposed upon George Hendrick of Lancaster county, for non-attendance upon militia duty, was remitted in consideration of the particular circumstances of his case.

Doctor James Diemer was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the court of Commonpleas in and for the county of Berks, upon a return made according to law, for the district and borough of Reading.

Two returns of Burgesses, &ca, for the boroughs of Reading and Carlisle, were received and read; whereupon, it was,

Ordered, That the former be filed and the consideration of the latter postponed.

Upon consideration of a petition from the Justices of the county of Berks,

Ordered, That Henry Christ, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated to be President of the court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and jail delivery and orphans' court of the county of Berks.

And that Peter Spyker, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated the President of the court of Common Pleas for the said county.

A letter from the Honorable John Jay, Esquire, secretary for foreign affairs, dated the seventeenth of this month, inclosing a copy of an act of His most Christian Majesty's council of State, for the encouragement of the commerce of France with the United States of America, passed the twenty-ninth of December, 1787, together with a copy of a letter on the subject of it from His Majesty's Comptroller General of Finance, to the Honorable Mr. Jefferson, dated on the same day, was received and read, and an order taken that the said inclosures be published by the authority of this Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 28th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	} Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Henry Hill, and	
George Ross,	James Read,	
David Reddick,		

The petition of Robert Crossley, convicted at the court of Quarter Sessions for Chester county, held in February last, of fornication, and fined ten pounds, was read,

Ordered, That the fine be remitted.

Upon the petition of John Donnahue, fined at the City Court for July last three pounds, for an assault on Bryan Connor,

Ordered, That the fine be remitted.

A letter from his Excellency William Smallwood, Esquire, Governor of the State of Maryland, was read, requesting that, agreeably to the Articles of Confederation, a certain William Clelone, now confined in the jail of this city, charged with a crime committed in Maryland, might be delivered to Mr. Samuel Swan, to be conveyed to Baltimore for tryal.

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphi be directed to deliver the said William Clelone to the custody o Samuel Swan, and to aid and assist him, if necessary, in transport ing the said William Clelone, clear of the said city and county o Philadelphia, and that the Sheriff of Chester county be directed t give to Mr. Swan like aid and assistance in transporting the sai criminal through the county of Chester, out of this State.

Upon the petition of Thomas Carmichael and Thomas Bagley, o the county of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the several fines imposed upon them for non attendance upon Militia duty, when called thereto in the yea 1779, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thurday, May 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice Presi dent.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
David Reddick,		

A transcript of the record of John Mooney's conviction of th crime of buggery at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at Lancaster on the twelfth day of this month. was received and read, by which it appears that the said John Mooney is sentenced by the said Court to be hanged by the neck untill he be dead. A petition from the said John Mooney, praying a pardon of the said offence, accompanied by a recommendation from the Judges of said court and the jury, being also read and considered; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Mooney be pardoned; and a par don, under the Great Seal, was accordingly issued.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report upon the pro ceedings of the Orphans' Court of Cumberland county, in the case of Mary Blair, late widow of John Smith, deceased, late of the Cumberland county militia, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, payable out of the militia fines of said county, vizt: For the sum of fifteen pounds fifteen shillings, being an allowance to her during the time she remained the widow of said Smith; and for the sum of sixty-nine pounds five shillings, for the support of the children of the deceased, until the twenty-third of April last.

The Comptroller General's report upon the proceedings of the Supreme Court in the case of Thomas Blair, a pensioner, was read,

proved, and an order directed to issue upon the Treasury in his vor, for thirteen pounds ten shillings, being his pension from nuary 22nd, until May twenty-second, 1788.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 30th, 1788.

PRESENT:

is Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

David Redick, George Ross, and
Christopher Kucher, Henry Hill, } Esquires.
Abraham Smith,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nichol-n, (gunsmith,) for the sum of one hundred pounds, payable out the monies arising from militia fines in the city and Liberties of hiladelphia, towards defraying the expence of repairing the public ms, which was delivered to him for that purpose.

The following letters were received and read, vizt:

From his Excellency Edmund Randolph, Esquire, Governor of irginia, in answer to the letter from Council of the seventh stant, informing the Board that the copies of the Virginia acts, erein requested, are preparing, and shall be forwarded as soon s possible.

From the Honorable John Jay, Esquire, Secretary for Foreign ffairs, with an inclosure, containing information that a certain rederick Dahlberry, master of the ship called Adolph, belonging o Sweedish subjects, had run away with said ship and cargo, and equesting that should he enter any of the American ports, mea-ures may be taken to procure the arrest of him and the vessel and argo aforesaid.

From Timothy Pickering, Esquire, relative to the conduct and iscourse of John Jenkins and others, of Luzerne county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 31st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read, and	
George Ross,	Henry Hill,	
Christopher Kucher,		

Mr. Ross was appointed to attend the Vice President as a member of the Board of Property for the month of June.

Upon the application of the Reverend Charles Nesbit,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be informed it will meet the approbation of Council if he draws an order upon the treasurer of Cumberland county for one half year's interest, due upon the State certificates belonging to the Trustees of Dickinson College, any former order of this Board notwithstanding.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, June 2nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read, and	
George Ross,	Henry Hill,	
Christopher Kucher,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, for one quarter's salary as Vice President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

Upon the petition and recommendation in favor of Henry Shilgas, for the pardon of a misdemeanor of which he was convicted at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in Montgomery county,

Ordered, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 3rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	George Ross, and	
David Redick,	James Read,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the seventh of May, untill the seventh of June, 1788, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 4th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read, and	
George Ross,	Henry Hill,	
Christopher Kucher,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for seventeen pounds fifteen shillings and four pence, in full of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council, from the first untill the thirty-first of May, 1788, and for cash paid for one cord of hickory wood for the use of Council in the month of April last, and for hawling, sawing, wharfage and carrying in the same.

An order was also drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Jane Roberts, for the sum of seventy-five pounds, payable out of the monies arising from the sale of the confiscated estate of John Roberts, deceased, her late husband, being one year's pension due to her on the first day of April, 1788, according to the decree of the Supreme Court under the acts of attainder of this Commonwealth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 5th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, Christopher Kucher,
Henry Hill, James Read, and
Abraham Smith, David Redick,
George Ross, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, for forty-eight pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the third day of April, untill the fifth day of June, 1788, inclusively.

In favor of Abraham Morrow, for forty-five pounds, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Philadelphia, towards defraying the expence of repairing the public arms which have been delivered to him for that purpose, for which sum he is to account.

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President, bearing date this day, conveying to Doctor Robert Harris, in ffee simple, a tract of one hundred and fifty-one acres of land situate in Newberry township, in the county of York, which was confiscated to the use of the Commonwealth, by the attainder of James Rankin, and sold by the State agent in October, 1779, for the sum of four thousand eight hundred and fifteen pounds, which the said Robert Harris hath duly paid into the Treasury.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Duffield, for one hundred and fifty pounds one shilling, to reimburse him for a like sum paid into the Treasury as being due from him to Timothy Connor, an attainted traitor, and forfeited to the Commonwealth, but which sum he hath since paid to Samuel Pleasants, agreeably to a late determination of the Supreme Court.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 6th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, David Redick,
Abraham Smith, James Read, and
George Ross, Henry Hill,
Christopher Kucher, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for thirty-one pounds five shillings, in

full of his account for attendance in Council from the fifth day of May, untill the fifth of June, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

Upon a representation from some of the City Magistrates, setting forth that from the information they have received it is probable that Mr. Reynolds, the Jailor, and some of his deputies have been guilty of malpractices in receiving stolen goods, &ca., at the same time expressing their desire that Council would request the Sheriff to remove the said Reynolds from being keeper of the jail until an examination and trial can take place.

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the Sheriff of the city that it is the opinion of Council a removal of Mr. Reynolds as Keeper of the Jail, for the present, would be attended with good consequences, and give the wished for oppertunity of investigating the matter fully.

Upon a petition from the Commissioners of the county of Dauphine, requesting Council to give orders for the removal of James Fisher and James Hagerty, who have been convicted of divers offences in said county, and sentenced to hard labour,

Ordered, That a warrant, under the less seal, be now issued for removing the said James Fisher and James Hagerty from their present confinement in the jail of the county of Dauphine to that of the city and county of Philadelphia.

Upon the petition of Catherine Wright, and a recommendation in her favor from the Justices of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the county of Dauphine,

Ordered, That the fine of fifty pounds which was imposed upon her, upon being convicted at the said court of adultery, be remitted, and that she be released from confinement upon paying the costs of prosecution and her fees.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 7th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	James Read, and	
George Ross,	Henry Hill,	
Christopher Kucher,		

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 10th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	James Read,	
George Ross,	Abraham Smith,	
Christopher Kucher,		

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 10th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	David Redick,	
Henry Hill,	Christopher Kucher,	
George Ross,		

Upon a representation from the Commissioners appointed by Council on the fourteenth of May last, relative to their pay, the Board proceeded to reconsider their resolution of that day, respecting the said Commissioners; and thereupon,

Resolved, That so much of the said resolution as fixes the pay of the said Commissioners be recinded, and that they be allowed the sum of twenty shillings per day each, while performing the duties required of them by the said resolution, to include their expences, except the expences of guides and expresses when necessary, which is to be defrayed by the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 11th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Christopher Kucher,
Samuel Dean, James Read, and
Abraham Smith, David Redick,
George Ross, } Esquires.

A petition from Doctor Andrew Ledlie, informing the Board that he became one of the sureties to the State for James Pettigrew's faithfull performance of the duties of his office of Collector of Excise in the county of Northampton, and that he is now desirous that some other person should be surety in his room, being read,

Ordered, That James Pettigrew, Esquire, be directed to procure another surety, in the room of Doctor Ledlie.

The fine imposed upon Patrick Dalton, upon his being convicted of larceny at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held in June, 1787, for Philadelphia court, was remitted upon his petition and a certificate of his having finished his service at hard labour.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 12th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, James Read,
Samuel Dean, Christopher Kucher, and
Abraham Smith, David Redick,
George Ross, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Stephen Balliet, Esquire, and Major William Armstrong, for fifty-six pounds, to enable them to enter upon the business of their appointment as Commissioners to repair to Luzerne county, and to ascertain the quantity and quality of the lands there claimed by Pennsylvania owners, under the resolution of Assembly dated the twenty-seventh of March, 1788, for which sum they are to account.

In favor of Catherine, the widow of General William Thompson, deceased, for seventy pounds six shillings and three pence, being one quarter's pension due to her under the act of Assembly dated March 1st, 1780.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, bearing date the tenth instant, conveying to John Grauel, in fee simple, a certain three story brick messuage or tenement and lot of ground, marked with the letter A, (in the general plan of the ground, whereon the barracks formerly stood,) being forty-six and a half feet in breadth on Third street continued in the Northern Liberties, and extending in length, or depth, one hundred and twelve feet, to Rose alley, which messuage and lot of ground he purchased on the third day of July, 1784, for one thousand two hundred and ten pounds, from the Commissioners appointed by Council to sell the said barrack ground, and hath paid the said sum, as appears by the said Commissioners' receipts.

A letter from the Delegates of this State, inclosing an act of Congress dated the sixth of this month, for surveying and ascertaining the quantity of land situate between Lake Erie and Pennsylvania and west of the boundaries of the States of New York and Massachusets, and fixing the price at which the same may be sold, was read, requesting instructions from Council relative to the purchase of the said land on account of the State.

A letter of instructions was written to Stephen Balliet and William Armstrong, Esquires, inclosing the minutes of Council of the fourteenth of May and seventh instant, and requesting them to proceed without delay to the county of Luzerne, on the business of their appointment, and consult Messieurs Montgomery and Gray, Deputy Surveyors, and obtain from them such drafts of surveys as it may be in their power to furnish, and from Colonel Pickering descriptions of the townships comprehended in the resolution of Assembly of March 27th, 1788.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 14th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill Samuel Dean, Abraham Smith, George Ross,	James Read, Christopher Kucher, and David Redick,	Esquires.

A letter from James Findley of Westmoreland county, requesting Council to accept his resignation of his offices of Justices of the

Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas of the said county, was read; and thereupon it was

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

Council resumed the consideration of the letter from the Delegates of this State, and the act of Congress inclosed therein, which were received on the twelfth instant, respecting a survey to fix the boundary and determine the quantity of land within the territory adjoining the northern boundary of this State, belonging to the United States, and authorizing the Board of Treasury of the United States to sell the said land, in whole, at private sale, for a price not less than three-fourths of a dollar per acre in specie, or public securities drawing interest;

Resolved, That the President inform our Delegates in Congress, that they are authorized and empowered by this Board to negotiate and contract with Congress, in behalf of this State, for the purchase of the lands before described, at the rate of three-quarters of a dollar per acre in specie or public securitys bearing interest.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 17th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redich,	} Esquires.
George Ross,	Christopher Kucher,	
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Joseph Perkins for the sum of four hundred pounds, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the city and liberties of Philadelphia, towards defraying the expence of repairing the public arms, which were delivered to him for that purpose, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Captain David Zeigler for one hundred and ten dollars, towards defraying the expences of the recruiting service, under an act of the General Assembly passed the tenth day of November, 1787, for which sum he is to account with Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Harmar, who is to be accountable to the State.

Upon application of Mr. Samuel Caldwell for sundry papers in the office of the Secretary of the Land office, that are necessary on the tryal for Hogg Island;

Ordered, That Mr. Kennedy be requested to deliver the said papers to Mr. Caldwell, taking his receipt to return them to the said office.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him on the thirteenth instant, as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, according to the Comptroller General's report.

A remonstrance from a number of freeholders residing in the districts of the townships of Germany and Mountjoy, in the county of York, against an election of Justices of the Peace, lately held in the said district, was read, and an order taken that Henry Slagle, Jacob Rudisill and David Beatty, Esquires, Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, living near the said district, be authorized and directed to investigate the facts stated in the said remonstrance, upon the oaths of such witnesses as may be adduced, and make report to this Board in manner and form prescribed in and by an act of Assembly intituled "An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &ca."

A report from Daniel May, Andrew Thompson and Henry Slagle, Esquires, of the evidence taken by them, touching a disputed election of Justices of the Peace, in the district of the townships of Warrington and Manahan, in the county York, in pursuance of an order of this Board of the twenty-eighth of March last, was received and read; and on consideration it was

Resolved, To confirm the said election, and the petition against it was dismissed; thereupon, Elihu Underwood, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of York

Upon the petition of Thomas Jennings, now of the Invalid Guards, stating that he has been fined in the sum of twenty-one shillings, for non-attendance upon militia duty, in the year 1787, that he is unable to pay the said fine, and praying Council to remit the same; an order was taken that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, in consideration of his extreme poverty.

Two letters from Charles Thomson, Esquire, the one enclosing an act of Congress dated May the twenty-second, 1788, relative to the closing all accounts between the United States and individual persons, who have been intrusted with public monies, from time to time; and the other inclosing the representation in Congress, in the month of May last, were received, read and filed.

Upon the petition and recommendation in favor of Mary Shoeman; it was

Ordered, That the fine and punishment at hard labour, to which she was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Philadelphia, upon being convicted of larceny, be remitted, in consideration of her youth, and this being the first crime.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, David Redick, and
George Ross, Christopher Kucher, } Esquires.
Abraham Smith,

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel James O'Hara, for the sum of one thousand dollars each, being in part of seven thousand dollars, which on the tenth day of January last, Council agreed to pay to him for supplying the troops in the western country with provisions, for which two several sums he is to account, the same to be charged to the United States.

Two transcripts from the records of the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery held in the county of York, of the conviction of Philip Nagle, for uttering base coin, knowing it to be such, and negro Jack Durham, of a rape committed in the said county, were received and read, and the further consideration thereof postponed until Saturday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Samuel Dean,
George Ross, Christopher Kucher, and } Esquires.
Abraham Smith, David Redick,

Upon the petition of James Dugan, convicted at Philadelphia County Court for this month, of keeping a tipling house, and fined ten pounds, and it appearing he is unable to pay the fine,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

Upon the petitions of John Boice and Lenah Bennet, and a recommendation from the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Bucks, it was

Ordered, That the several fines imposed upon them by the said Court, upon their several convictions, the former of larceny and the latter of perjury, be remitted.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 20th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, David Redick,
George Ross, Christopher Kucher, and } Esquires.
Abraham Smith, Samuel Dean,

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 21st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, David Redick,
Abraham Smith, James Read, and } Esquires.
Christopher Kucher, George Ross,

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of James Hanlen,

Ordered, That the punishment at hard labour, to which the said James Hanlen was sentenced by the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in York county, upon being convicted of robbing a certain George Lantzel of a mare, be remitted, according to the prayer of the said petition.

The fine of forty pounds payable to the use of the Commonwealth by Matthew Hughes, upon his being convicted of an assault and battery at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Bucks, was remitted, upon his petition and a recommendation from several inhabitants of the county of Bucks, of good character.

Agreeably to the minutes of the eighteenth instant, Council took into consideration two transcripts from the records of the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery, held in York and Franklin counties, in the case of Philip Nagle, convicted of uttering base and counterfeited coin, knowing it to be such, and sentenced to be hanged by the neck until he be dead; and of negro Jack Durham, convicted of a rape in the last mentioned county, and sentenced in like manner; whereupon, it was

Ordered, That execution of the several sentences of the said Courts against the said Philip Nagle and negro Jack Durham, be made and done upon them on Tuesday the eighth day of July next,

at the usual places of execution, and warrants under the less seal were issued to the Sheriffs of York and Franklin counties accordingly.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 23rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross. Christopher Kucher, } Esquires.
Abraham Smith, }

Memorandum: This being the day appointed for deciding on such claims to city lots, &ca., as are before Council, under old rights, and were made before the time limitted by law expired, but a quorum of Council not being met, it was agreed by the members present, to postpone the business aforesaid until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, and to request the attendance of the Attorney General and Land Officers at that time.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 24th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross, Christopher Kucher, and } Esquires.
Abraham Smith, Henry Hill, }

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the eighteenth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Eve Withington, for two hundred and seventy pounds, being the ballance of her pension from the first of March, 1780, untill the first of July, 1788, according to the comptroller General's report of this day, and an act of Assembly dated the first of March, 1780.

The Attorney General and the Land Officers attending the Board agreeably to their resolution of the twenty-third of April last, resumed the consideration of the several claims to city lots, &ca.,

which were filed within the time prescribed by act of Assembly dated the tenth day of April, 1781, and thereupon, a petition from James Pearson, was read, stating in behalf of himself and others divers claims to city lots, and it appearing on examination of the several papers produced by him, and the records of the Surveyor General's office, that the city lots in right of the original purchases of John Blunston, George Woods, John Killcup, Jacob and Henry Comely, Nicholas Waln, James Dilworth, William Lawrence, and Joshua Ferne, have been surveyed and returned into the Surveyor General's office, under warrants from the Proprietary Land office; and Mr. Pearson having represented that the said lots have not been sold by the Commonwealth under the act aforesaid,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of Council the petitioners ought to produce to the Land Office their titles under the purchasers aforesaid, and apply for patents for the lots claimed in the usual form of the said office.

The claims of Sarah Palmer, and others, and of James Henry, and others, by their Agent James Pearson, under Samuel Bradshaw, John Ap, John and Thomas Wynns, original purchasers, not being supported by proper vouchers according to law, it was

Resolved, To dismiss the same.

The claim of Josiah Bunting and Benjamin Bonsal, by their Agent James Pearson, in right of Joshua Ferne, so far as the same respects the liberty land, was also dismissed as being unsupported.

On motion,

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the claims of Samuel Allen, the younger, and others, in right of Samuel Allen, and of Anne March, in right of John Price, by their Agent James Pearson, be postponed until Thomas Mason and Mary Jenkins, who, it is alleged, claim under the same original purchasers, are heard before Council.

Anthony Butler, in behalf of Messieurs John Penn, Junior, and John Penn, attended and produced to Council the proof required by a resolution of the Board dated the twenty-first of April last, vizt: That Ralph Brock was the son of John Brock, an original purchaser, and had a right to convey the city lots appurtenant thereto, whereupon, the Land officers were instructed to compleat the title of Messieurs Penns, to the lots aforesaid in the usual form of the Land Office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 25th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross, Abraham Smith, } Esquires.
James Read, Henry Hill, }

The Chief Justice and Judge Bryan, attended and a conference was held relative to the late disturbances in Huntingdon county.

A letter from two of the Magistrates in Huntingdon county, stating that the daring and violent outrages were committed by a lawless sett of men, that the officers of Government had been insulted and their lives endangered, and that part of the records of the Court had been destroyed and erased, was read, praying the support of Government, &ca., thereupon,

Resolved, That the most proper and effectual measures be immediately taken to quell the disturbances in Huntingdon county, and to restore order and good government, and that the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court be informed that the Supreme Executive will give them aid and assistance, which the laws of the State will warrant, and shall be found necessary to accomplish the end.

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

The one in favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, and the other in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being for one quarter's salary, due to each on this day, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Attorney General and the Land Officers attended.

Upon examination of the several papers produced by James Pearson, relative to the claim of Samuel Allen, the son, and other heirs of Samuel Allen, an original purchaser, it appearing that the said claim is unsupported, Council therefore direct that the same be dismissed.

The papers in support of Captain Thomas Mason's claim to city lots, under the same original purchase, was also examined, and it appearing that Captain Mason is entitled to but a very small share of the lots in question, and he consenting to withdraw his claim to the same;

Resolved, That he be permitted so to do, and the said claim was accordingly withdrawn.

A return of an election of Justices of the Peace, lately held in and for the district of the township of Upper Milford, in the county of Northampton, together with a petition against it, were received and read, but the said return not being signed by the Constable who held the election, and being unaccompanied by the Justice's

precept, a list of voters' names, a certificate from the Prothonotary, an order was taken that the same be transmitted to the Clerk of the Peace of the said county, to be by him forwarded to the Judges, Inspectors, and Constable at said election, who are hereby directed to make a return according to law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 26th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Christopher Kucher, and Abraham Smith, Henry Hill, } Esquires.

A letter from Charles Thompson, Esquire, inclosing an Act passed on the twenty-fourth instant, by the United States in Congress assembled, granting further time to the States for exhibiting to the District Commissioners their respective accounts against the United States, and for sending on the vouchers or other testimony to support the same, was received and read, and an order taken that the said act be published by the authority of this Board.

The Attorney General and the Land Officers attended.

The several papers relative to the claim of Mary Jenkins to city lots, under Benjamin Marsh, in right of John Price's original purchase, (were laid before Council,) and being examined, the further consideration of said claim was postponed.

The farther consideration of Charles Cecil's claim to city lots, in right of Richard Ward's and Robert Serghill's original purchases, was also postponed until the opinion of the Judges of the Supreme Court be taken, touching the legality of the proofs exhibited.

Resolved, That the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court, be requested to confer with Council to-morrow at ten o'clock, relative to the said proofs.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 27th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith, George Ross, and James Read, Henry Hill, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Guardian of Catherine Reinick, daughter of Doctor Christian Reinick, de-

ceased, for forty-five pounds twelve shillings and six peace, being six months' pension due to her on the twenty-first of March, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an Act of Assembly passed the first day of March, 1780.

The Attorney General and Land Officers attended.

Council resumed the consideration of the claims of Mary Jenkins and James Pearson, Attorney in fact for Anne Marsh and Mary Ashbridge, to certain city lots, in right of John Price and Joseph Allibone's original purchases, and upon hearing the claimants, and examination of their papers,

Resolved, That the right to the said lots is vested in the said Mary Jenkins, Anne March, and Mary Ashbridge.

A petition from Daniel Brunner, of Lancaster county, praying remission of a fine of ten pounds ten shillings, imposed upon him for not performing his tour of militia duty, in December, 1781, was read, and it appearing from a deposition and a certificate from Colonel Mercer, accompanying the said petition, that the petitioner was under the age of eighteen years, when called to perform the said tour; therefore,

Resolved, That the fine aforesaid be remitted.

Joseph Rodger's claim to city lots under the original purchases of Francis and George Rodgers, was heard, and it appearing from the records of the Surveyor General's Office, that the said lots have been already laid out, and the said claim fully satisfied; it was

Resolved, To dismiss the same.

Upon a conferrence with the Judges of the Supreme Court, respecting the claim of Charles Cecil, in right of Richard Ward's and Robert Serghill's original purchases, some defects in the proofs offered in support of said claim appeared. It was, therefore,

Resolved, To postpone the determination upon the said claim, to give the claimant an opportunity to procure from Great Britain, or elsewhere, such further proof as shall be satisfactory to Council.

The several claims of Charles and Timothy Hurst, in behalf of themselves, Lord Shelburne, and others, of Edward May, Daniel Quare, James Andrews, Thomas Butler, and Benjamin Hockley, to city lots by their agent, Clement Biddle, and attorney, Miers Fisher, were postponed untill Tuesday next, at which time the attendance of the Judges was requested, it being probable some proof will be offered which may require their assistance in the investigation.

The claim of Richard Peters, Esquire, under Mason Vrosen and others, original purchasers, was also postponed until Tuesday next, of which Mr. Lewis is to have notice.

The claim of the heirs of Hugh Chamberlaine, by their attorney, Miers Fisher, was postponed until Wednesday next.

And the several claims of Nicholas Young and of Richard Wells and others, devisees of Richard Hill and Peter Thompson, under

the original purchases of Richard and Thomas Pearce, were postponed untill the Thursday following.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Monday next be assigned for taking into consideration the case of Francis Wade, relative to the sale of his house.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 28th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross, Christopher Kucher, and
James Read, Henry Hill, } Esquires.
Abraham Smith,

Upon the petition of Jemima Berriman, Patrick Oglebie, Warwick Hale, Marmaduke Merritt, and John Patterson, of the district of Southwark,

Ordered, That the several fines payable to the use of the Commonwealth by John Smith, Joseph Oglebie, Andrew Duche, Joseph Kennedy, Samuel Hale, Junior, and Richard Berriman, upon their being severally convicted of assault and battery at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions in and for the county of Philadelphia, be remitted.

A report from John Otto, Jacob Weaver, and Paul Groscup, Esquires, of the evidence taken by them concerning a contested election of Justices of the Peace, held on the fourteenth day of April last, in and for the districts of the townships of Colebrookdale, Earl, and Oley, in the county of Berks, was received and read, from which it appears that there were some irregular proceedings at said election, sufficient, in the opinion of Council, to set aside the same; therefore,

Ordered, That the said election be set aside, and the commissions issued thereupon to Daniel Hunter revoked and made void.

Ordered, That a warrant, under the less seal, be issued to the Overseers of the Poor in said district, for holding a new election for Justices of the Peace, on the first Tuesday in August next.

A letter from Philip Riffets, containing information that a certain Doctor Daniel Weis, lately died intestate, without kindred in America, whose property is become vested in the Commonwealth, under the late act of Assembly for regulating escheats, and that he is able to substantiate the title of the Commonwealth thereto, was received, read, and filed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 30th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross,	Henry Hill,
James Read,	Samuel Dean, and
Abraham Smith,	John Cannon, (now returned)

Upon application of Colonel Francis Mentges,

Ordered, That the Commissary of Military Stores be directed to deliver to him all the tents which belongs to the State, and now in his possession, as well those for horseman as others, to be used in accommodation the citizens at an entertainment intended to be made on the fourth day of July next, the said Colonel Mentges engaging to return the same in good order.

On motion of Mr. Redick,

Resolved, That agreeably to a supplement to the act of Assembly intitled An Act to alter and amend an act intituled An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &ca., passed the twenty-seventh day of February last, the inhabitants of the district and town of Washington, in the county of Washington, are intituled to and shall be allowed a third Justice of the Peace, upon an election of such Justice within the said district by the freeholders thereof being held, and return made to Council according to law.

William Wallace, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Washington, upon a return made according to law, for the district of Summerset.

The consideration of the case of Francis Wade, relative to the sale of his house, which was appointed for this day, was postponed.

Upon a petition from Joseph Scott, of Bucks county,

Ordered, That the fine imposed upon him for not performing his tour of militia duty be remitted.

The case of Philip Nagle, now confined in the jail of the county of York, was re-considered, and the time of his execution extended to the nineteenth of July next. A warrant, under the Less Seal, was issued accordingly.

The proceedings of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Montgomery, upon a petition from the inhabitants and freeholders of the south west part of said county, praying to have a new district laid off, for a more convenient election of Justices of the Peace, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 1st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	John Cannon, and	
David Reddick,	Samuel Dean,	

A letter from Wioming, dated the twenty-seventh day of June, and signed by Messieurs Nathan Dennisen, Zebulun Butler, William Hookes, and Nathan Carey, was read, from which it appears that on the night between the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh ultimo, Colonel Pickering was, by a lawless banditte, made prisoner, and forcibly carried off from his dwelling in Wilkesbarre; that the officers of Government are exerting themselves to recover Colonel Pickering, and to bring the perpetrators of this daring outrage to condign punishment.

Resolved, That the officers of Government in Luzerne be informed that Council are much pleased with their spirited exertions on this occasion, and that every aid and assistance shall be given by the supreme executive, as far as the laws of the State will warrant.

Resolved, That the President be requested to give official information of this transaction to their Excellencys the Governors of New York and New Jersey, and request their assistance in securing the perpetrators of this daring villainy, if they should enter those States.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Rosewell Wells, the express who brought the above intelligence, for twelve pounds, to defray the expence of coming to and returning from this city on said business.

Upon the representation of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, Attorney General,

Resolved, That he be directed to enter an exoneration of the bail in the action wherein Sharp Delany, Esquire, Collector of the Customs, is plaintiff, and James Collins, defendant.

Upon the petition of Anna Goldsmith, now confined in the Work-house of this city,

Ordered, That the fine and punishment at hard labour, to which she was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia county, be remitted.

The Judges of the Supreme Court, Attorney General, and the Land Officers, attended agreeably to notice.

Council proceeded to the examination of the claim of Richard Peters, Esquire, under Adrain Vrozen's purchase, and the original

lease and release being produced to Council, together with several other papers, from which it appeared that the said Adrain Vrosen was an original purchaser of five thousand acres of land from William Penn, Esquire, and that said Vrozen's right is now vested in the claimant; thereupon,

Resolved, That the claim of Richard Peters, Esquire, under the purchase aforesaid, be admitted and confirmed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the consideration of the claim of Mr. Peters, in right of John Mason's original purchase, be postponed.

Miers Fisher, attorney, appeared, and stated the several claims of Sir William Petty, Earl of Shelburne, Charles and Timothy Hurst, under William Penn, the second, and Sir John Tagg, of Daniel Quare, James Andrews, Edward May, the heirs of Hugh Chamberlaine, Benjamin Hockley, and Thomas Butler, to city lots, &ca., in right of several original purchasers. Upon examination of the testimony produced, it appeared that the claims aforesaid were not supported, but Mr. Fisher alledging that other evidence sufficient to satisfy Council could be procured from Great Britain, if sufficient time be allowed; therefore,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the claims aforesaid be postponed until the twentieth of April, 1789, to give the claimants an opportunity to procure the testimony before mentioned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 2nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross, Abraham Smith, and
James Read, John Cannon, } Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for forty-three pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from May the first untill the last day of June, 1788, inclusively, deducting three days' absence.

In favor of Mrs. Jane Roseborough, for one hundred pounds, payable out of militia fines of the county of Northampton, being in part of the pension due to her as the widow of the Reverend John Roseborough, deceased, late Chaplain in the militia of said county, according to an act of Assembly, passed the twentieth of March, 1780.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven pounds five shillings and two pence, being money advanced by him to pay a ballance due to John Skinner, upon his contract with the State for clearing the road from Miller's Spring, through Clark's Gap, to the Burnt Cabbins, in Cumberland county.

Upon the petition of Jacob Bowman, of Germantown,

Ordered, That William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, Attorney General, be directed to discontinue the action at law, which was instituted in behalf of the Commonwealth against the petitioner, for the recovery of money due upon his bond to Christopher Saur, the petitioner paying the costs.

A petition from John Garden, praying an allowance of the drawback duties on certain wines exported by him, was read and referred to the Collector of the Customs, who is requested to report thereon to Council.

Upon the petitions of James McGlaughlin, Thomas Wigley and Elizabeth Emery, now confined in the jail of this city, praying Council to pardon the several offences of which they have been convicted,

Ordered, That the said James McGlaughlin, Thomas Wigley and Elizabeth Emery, be and they are herby pardoned.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform Mr. Justice Pollard that it is the wish of Council that he would take security for the good behaviour of the said James McGlaughlin, Thomas Wigley and Elizabeth Emery, and that they are to pay the costs of prosecution.

The fine payable to the use of the State and punishment at hard labour, to which negro Isaac Duffell, was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Philadelphia, held the third day of March last, was remitted, upon his petition and a recommendation in his favor.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 3rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick,	
John Cannon,		

The claims of Richard Wells and others, devisees of Richard Hill and Nicholas Young and Peter Thomson, under the original purchases of Richard and Thomas Pearce, were postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 7th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
George Ross,	John Cannon,	
David Redick,	Christopher Kucher,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Elliott, for the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for supplying John Franklin, (a State prisoner confined on a charge of high treason,) with provisions from the eighth day of February until June the 27th, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Mr. Cannon was appointed a member of the Board of Property.

Upon a letter from the committee of arrangement, requesting permission from Council to secure the Fœderal ship Union in the State House yard, in such a place as shall render it an ornament to the public walk,

Ordered, That Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Chairman of the said committee, be informed that the placing the said ship in the State House yard is perfectly agreeable to this Board.

Council took into consideration a letter from George Matthews, Richard Bard, Thomas Johnston, John Scott and John Martin, Esquires, Justices of Franklin county, informing the Board that a certain William Nugent, who has been indicted for felony and other crimes, has made his escape, that two accessaries have refused to be tried until he, Nugent, the principal is convict, therefore, praying Council to issue a proclamation for apprehending and securing the said Nugent; whereupon,

Resolved, That a proclamation in the following words be accordingly issued.

Pennsylvania ss.

By the Vice President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, It appears from a representation made by some of the Magistrates of Franklin county, that a certain William Nugent has been charged with felony and other crimes, by a Grand Jury of the said county, and that the said William Nugent is now at large, and lurking about to the terror and annoyance of the good people of the county:

And whereas, It is of great importance to the citizens of this Commonwealth, that such heinous offenders should be brought to condign punishment; we have thought fit to offer, and do hereby offer a public reward of two hundred dollars, to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure the said William Nugent, in the jail of any county within this Commonwealth, to be paid on his conviction of the crime aforesaid; and all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs and Constables, are hereby strictly enjoined and required to make diligent search and enquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavors to apprehend and secure the said William Nugent, so that he may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, Vice President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Commonwealth the thirteenth.

PETER MUHLENBERG, V. P.

ATTEST:—CHARLES BIDDLE, Sec'ry.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, George Ross,
Samuel Dean, Christopher Kucher and } Esquires.
Abraham Smith, John Cannon,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of George Ross, Esquire, for forty-one pounds eleven shillings, in full for his attendance as Councillor from the eighteenth of May untill the eighth of July, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer, in favor of Captain James McLean, for sixteen pounds four shillings and nine pence, in full of his account for his subsistance as Commandant of the Invalid Corps, and for house rent during the months of April, May and June, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the petition of Elizabeth McKinsey, stating that the term of the punishment at hard labour, to which she was sentenced upon being convicted of larceny, is now expired, and praying that a fine of thirty shillings, due from her to the Commonwealth, may be remitted, and that she may be released from confinement

Ordered, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, upon her paying the costs of prosecution.

Upon consideration of the intelligence communicated to Council by the Honorable Nathan Dennisen, Esquire, Zebulun Butler, Esquire, and William Hooker Smith, and Nathan Cary, and the deposition of Andrew Ellicott, relative to the seizing and carrying off the person of Timothy Pickering, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Luzerne, by an armed banditti, assembled in said county for that purpose,

Resolved, That the following proclamation be issued and published in the Freeman's Journal, printed in this city, and in the newspapers printed at York, Carlisle and Pittsburgh, vizt:

Pennsylvania, ss:

By the Vice President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, By depositions taken according to law, it appears that several evil disposed persons have conspired to obstruct the execution of the laws in the county of Luzerne, and have violently seized and carried off the person of Timothy Pickering, Esquire, an officer of Government, whom they still retain as a prisoner: *And whereas*, it is of great importance to the good people of this Commonwealth, that such heinous offenders should be brought to condign punishment: We have thought fit to offer and do hereby offer a public reward of three hundred dollars, for apprehending and securing John Jenkins, three hundred dollars for apprehending and securing John Hyde, and the sum of one hundred dollars for apprehending and securing each and every of the following named persons, vizt: Daniel Earl, Benjamin Earl, Cady, Wilkes Jenkins, Joseph Dudley, Gideon Dudley, David Woodward, John Whitcomb, Timothy Kilburne and Thomas Kinney, or for apprehending and securing any other persons who shall be convicted of aiding and assisting in taking off the said Timothy Pickering. The reward for apprehending and securing any of the above named persons, will be paid on their being delivered to the jail of the county of Northampton, and all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs and Constables are hereby strictly enjoined and required to make diligent search and enquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure the said offenders, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, Vice President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

PETER MUHLENBERG, V. P.

Attest—Charles Biddle, Sec'ry.

A letter was written to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, directing him to take every prudent measure in his

power to prevent the escape of John Franklin, now in his custody, permitting him only to enjoy the benefit of the air in the jail yard, twice a week for a limitted time and with circumspection.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 9th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James Read,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,	John Cannon, and	
George Ross,	David Redick,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth of June, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Redick, Member of this Board, be requested to go to the States of New Jersey and New York, in order to communicate to the Executives of those States the intelligence which Council has lately received of farther outrages committed in the county of Luzerne, and to request their aid in apprehending and securing the persons concerned in seizing and carrying off Timothy Pickering, Esquire, Prothonotary of Luzerne county, if they should enter either of the States aforesaid.

Mr. Redick assured Council of his readiness to comply with this resolution.

The following draft of instructions to Mr. Redick was read and approved, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, July 9th, 1788.

Dear Sir:—The Board this morning re-assumed the consideration of the letters and other intelligence received from Wyoming, and are unanimously of opinion that the most vigorous and determined measures are necessary to restore order and good government in that distracted country. In consequence of this determination, a proclamation is directed to issue offering ample rewards for apprehending the principals concerned in the late outrage against the person of Colonel Pickering; and in all probability an armed force will be speedily employed to reduce the insurgents to reason. But previous to this step being taken, the Board wish to communicate their intentions to their Excellencies the Governors of New York and New Jersey, to request that those Governments

would take such steps as may best conduce to facilitate our endeavours to prevent, if possible, the inhabitants of those States from giving aid and assistance to the insurgents, while acting in open opposition and defiance to our laws, and to prevent their finding an asylum or protection within those States. Council now request that you, as a Member of the Board, and fully acquainted with every thing that relates to this business, would be pleased to proceed immediately to New Jersey and New York, to carry their intentions into execution. Your own discretion will govern you in transacting this important business; and the friendly disposition the States of New Jersey and New York have ever evinced toward this State, prevent the Board from entertaining the least doubt that those States will readily concurr in every prudent and necessary measures.

With respect and esteem I am, dear sir,

Your most obedient servant,

PETER MUHLENBERG.

Honorable DAVID REDICK.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 10th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable James Read, George Ross, Abraham Smith, John Cannon, Christopher Kucher, Henry Hill, David Redick and Samuel Dean.

Friday, July 11th, 1788.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

Saturday, July 12th, 1788.

PRESENT:

As yesterday, (except Mr. Redick.)

Monday, July 14th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable James Read, Christopher Kucher, Abraham Smith, Henry Hill, John Cannon, Samuel Dean, } Esquires.

Tuesday, July 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Abraham Smith, Samuel Dean, James Read, Christopher Kucher, John Cannon, } Esquires.

Wednesday, July 16th, 1788.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.—And Mr. Hill.

Thursday, July 17th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Christopher Kucher, Abraham Smith, Samuel Dean, John Cannon, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Christopher Kucher, Abraham Smith, Samuel Dean, and John Cannon, Henry Hill, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, Vice President, for seven pounds eleven shillings and three pence,

amount of his account for six days hire of a stage waggon to go to Lancaster on public business at the request of Council.

In favor of Thomas Wigton, for fifteen pounds, to defray his expences in coming to and returning from this City on public business, relative to affairs in Luzerne county since the seizing and carrying off Colonel Pickering.

A return of justices from the borough of Carlisle, in Cumberland county, (together with a petition against it) was received and read, by which it appears that an election for a third Justice of the Peace has been lately held in said borough by the Freeholders thereof, without their having previously applied to and obtained the permission of Council to hold such an election as is directed by Act of Assembly, dated the twenty-seventh day of February last; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the said election be set aside and made void as being illegal.

A letter from David Rittenhouse, Esquire, State Treasurer, stating that from the very great deficiency in the payment of the public taxes he has hitherto not been able to collect and prepare for burning the annual sum of twenty thousand pounds of the last emission of paper money, and that if Council should think proper to write to the Collector of the imposts, it might hasten the payment of such a sum as when added to the sum of fifteen thousand pounds he has now collected would enable him to comply with the law, was read, and the Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Delany, desiring him to use his utmost endeavours to collect and pay into the Treasury all monies which are due in his office for impost.

A letter was written to Colonel Zebulun Butler, expressing to him Councils approbation of the conduct of the officers of Government in Luzerne, relative to the rioters, and assuring them and the well affected inhabitants that should circumstances take an unfavorable turn they will on application be immediately supported by a sufficient number of troops, it being the full determination of Council to enforce the laws and restore peace and good government in that county.

Upon consideration of a letter this day received from the Honorable David Redick, a letter was written to the Honorable the Delegates of this State, requesting them to apply to Congress for the assistance of the Continental troops (now on their rout to the Western country) in expelling the rioters in Luzerne county out of this State, and that for this purpose they may receive orders when at Easton to march into the said county of Luzerne, there to remain untill relieved by troops to be sent by the States.

A letter from His Excellency Governor Livingston, acknowledging the receipt of Council's letter of the second instant, respecting the violent taking of Colonel Pickering, and assuring Council that should he receive any intelligence of the perpetrators being found

in New Jersey, he will use every exertion in his power and consistant with law to have them apprehended and brought to Justice, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	
Abraham Smith,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-eight pounds ten shillings, in full of his attendance in Council, from the eighth of June last, untill this day included.

Upon consideration of the report of the persons appointed to view the road called Jones's lane, and the information contained in a letter from Richard Peters, Esquire,

Resolved, That the said Richard Peters and John Curwen be authorized and requested to have the new ground on which it is proposed to make the said road surveyed, and report to Council a draft thereof with the courses and distances, noting how far the road if made on the new ground will differ from the course of the old road.

Petitions from a number of citizens in favor of Colonel Eleazer Oswald, stating his confinement in the jail of this city in pursuance of the sentence of the Supreme Court, and praying Council to pardon him, were read, and the consideration thereof postponed until Monday next.

And it was,

Ordered, That the Secretary in the mean time request Mr. Burd to furnish Council with a copy of the proceedings of the Supreme Court, in the case of Colonel Oswald.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 21st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	George Ross,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
John Cannon,		

Three orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, for three several sums making in the whole the sum of forty-two pounds and eleven pence, being the travelling expences of the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Prothonotary, Attorney General and their servants on the circuit to Lancaster, Louisburgh, Cumberland, Franklin and York, and returning to Philadelphia; and for Mr. Atlee's expences to Philadelphia and returning.

The proceedings of the Supreme Court in the case of Colonel Eleazer Oswald, were laid before Council and read, together with the petitions in his favor, the consideration whereof was postponed until this day; whereupon, it was moved by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Smith, "That Council proceed to remit the fine and imprisonment of Mr. Oswald."

The previous question, to wit: "Shall the main question be now put?" was then called for by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Kucher, and being put, was determined in the negative.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called, and were as follows, vizt:

YEAS:	NAYS:	NAYS:
Mr. Dean,	Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Cannon,
Mr. Smith.	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Kucher,
	Mr. Ross.	Mr. Read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 22nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher, and	
James Read,	David Redick,	
Abraham Smith,		

The Honorable Mr. Redick having now returned from the States of New York and New Jersey, laid before Council Governor Clin-

ton's proclamation, accompanied by a General Warrant from the Chief Justice of the State of New York, for apprehending and securing the rioters of Luzerne county, should they pass into that State, and he reported to the Board, that upon a conference with Governors Clinton and Livingston, they appeared to be fully disposed to afford to the Government of this State, every necessary aid and assistance in bringing the rioters to justice, whenever they should receive intelligence of their being within either of their governments.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President be requested to write to the Delegates of this State, requesting them to make direct application to Congress, to permit the Continental troops, now preparing to march to the westward, to be employed for a limitted time against the Wioming insurgents, and to inform them that if such application should meet the approbation of Congress, proper steps will be taken to supply the said troops with all necessaries during their stay at Easton, on their march from thence, and while employed by the State.

Ordered, That the Secretary request Clement Biddle, Esquire, Quarter Master of the militia, to attend Council to-morrow, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to give the Board some information respecting the supply of the said troops.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 23rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick,	
James Read,		

A letter from Charles Thomson, Esquire, Secretary of Congress, dated July the seventeenth, inclosing a supplement to the ordinance of Congress, ascertaining the mode of disposing of lands in the Western Territory, which was passed by Congress the ninth of the same month, was received and read.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will go into the appointment of Surgeon and Surgeon's Mate, to the troops commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Harmar.

A letter from a number of freeholders in the county of Franklin, setting forth that they labour under great inconvenience from

the want of a Justice of the Peace in the town of Green Castle, in said county, and praying that the said town may be erected into a separate district, for the purpose of electing Justices of the Peace, was read, together with a certificate from the Justices of the Peace of the said county, that the said district is necessary, and will be usefull; thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A letter from his Excellency George Clinton, Governor of the State of New York, dated the eighteenth instant, acknowledging the receipt of Council's letters of the second and eleventh of this month, and informing Council, that having conferred with Mr. Redick on the subject of the said letters, he has directed such measures to be taken on the part of that State as he has reason to hope will prove satisfactory and efficient, was received and read.

On motion,

Resolved, That the petitions of Abraham Doan and Levi Doan, now confined in the jail of this city, under sentence of death, upon an outlawry, be transmitted to the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court, and that they be requested to inform Council whether any favorable circumstances appeared to them in the case of the petitioners in the course of the proceedings against them by the Court.

Clement Biddle, Esquire, attended Council, agreeably to notice.

Wednesday next was appointed for going into the consideration of the business relative to the sale of the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 24th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	David Redick, and	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	

Upon the petition of James Baird, of Cumberland county, and a recommendation from divers inhabitants of the borough of Carlisle in his favor,

Ordered, That the fine payable to the use of the State, which was imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Cumberland, upon being convicted of fornication and bastardy, be remitted.

The fine due to the State which was imposed upon Anne Shearer by the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery, held in Dauphine county, was also remitted upon her petition.

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, Council proceeded to the appointment of a Surgeon and Surgeon's mate, to the troops commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Harmar, and the ballots being taken, it appeared that Richard Allison was duly elected Surgeon and John F. Carmichael Surgeon's Mate.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 25th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for sixteen pounds fifteen shillings and one pence, in full of his account, for his expences on a journey to Poughkeepsie by the way of New Jersey and New York, on the business of the State, undertaken at the request of Council.

A letter from the Honorable Edmund Pendleton, Esquire, of the State of Virginia, inclosing the ratification of the constitution proposed for the Government of the United States, by a convention of that State, and a copy of the amendments which the said convention wish to take place therein, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 26th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President

Samuel Dean,	Abraham Smith and	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Cannon,	
David Redick,		

The Attorney General informed Council that James McLaughlin now confined in the jail of this county, has been convicted of larceny upon three indictments, and that the pardon granted by

Council on the second instant, being but for one offence, has not had the desired effect, therefore requesting that Council would be pleased to grant to the said James McLaughlin a general pardon; thereupon,

Resolved, That such general pardon be granted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 28th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,
David Redick,	Henry Hill,
Abraham Smith,	George Ross,
Christopher Kucher,	James Read.

A letter from Joseph Wharton, Esquire, informing Council that he has committed a certain Thomas Reynolds, charged with a burglary, committed in the State of Maryland, and on suspicion of his being concerned in two burglaries in this city, that the person robbed in Maryland, wished to have delivered up to be tried in that State, was read,

Ordered, That Mr. Wharton be informed upon an application from the Executive of Maryland, the said Thomas Reynolds will be delivered up.

A petition from John Douglass, stating that having undergone the punishment at hard labour, to which he was sentenced by the City Court, upon being convicted of larceny, he is now confined in the Jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, for the fine which is due to the Commonwealth, and being unable to pay the same, therefore, praying Council to grant him a remission thereof, was read and an order taken that the said fine be remitted.

On motion,

Ordered, That Michael Hubley, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated to be President of the Court of Common Pleas, of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery and of the Orphans' Court, in and for the county of Lancaster.

A petition from Henry Winkler, Martin Sniff, Leonard Egger, George Hummel, Nicholas Coppel, Nicholas Kippell, David Brockly and Jacob Grub, was read, representing that they are entitled to a share of prize money, arising from the sale of a vessel and cargo of flour, which was taken by them from the enemy while in the service of the State, the neat proceeds whereof, is in the hands of Major Fisher of Lewistown, and praying this Board to direct proper measures to be taken to bring the said Mr. Fisher to account,

and it appearing from the Comptroller General's report upon the said petition, that the State is probably interested in the said prize as well as the petitioners; therefore,

Resolved, That the said petition and report of the Comptroller General be transmitted to the Attorney General, and that he be instructed to make some inquiry concerning the said capture, and report to Council, whether and how far the State is interested therein.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President

Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	George Ross,	
Abraham Smith,	James Read, and	
Christopher Kucher,	David Redick,	

Upon application of the Managers of the House of Employment,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in their favor, for the sum of twenty pounds, for the support of James M'Manus, an Invalid, payable out of the sum of one hundred pounds granted him by act of Assembly dated the twenty-eighth of March last.

The application of Aron Musgrave and others, for payment of the reward, offered by proclamation of Council, dated the twenty-third of July, 1783, for apprehending and securing Abraham and Levi Doan, was read and referred to the Attorney General for his opinion.

The opinion of the Judges of the Supreme Court, in answer to the act of Council of the twenty-third instant, was received and read as follows, vizt:

To his Excellency the President and the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania:

In answer to the act of Council of the twenty-third instant, requesting the Judges of the Supreme Court to inform Council whether in the proceedings against Abraham Doan and Levi Doan in the said Court, any favorable circumstances appeared in their case to the Judges. We beg leave to observe that from the nature of proceedings in outlawry, the merits were not disclosed, and of course we had nothing favorable to the prisoners opened to us.

Upon the trial of the issue whether they were the same persons who had been outlawed and attainted, it appeared in testimony

that these men knew of the proclamation made in Bucks County Sessions, to come in and abide their trials, but that they did not surrender or appear. Finally that they were unwillingly brought before the Court, and did not submit to justice until compelled; we have had repeated opportunities by examination of witnesses, and also criminals, associates with them in guilt, to hear much of the offences of the said Abraham and Levi Doan, but nothing favorable concerning them or either of them.

They, among others, have been declared by act of Assembly to have been duly attainted, and Council in consequence thereof, proclaimed a large reward for apprehending them. The act has expired some time since by its own limitation.

The opinion of the Judges respecting outlawries in general, was delivered to Council on the fifteenth of January, 1785, to which we beg leave to refer.

As to Jacob Dryer, committed again for another capital offence, as the Secretary by direction has acquainted us. We would recommend that he undergo a trial for the last crime, and that no further proceedings may be had on the former attainders until a verdict and judgment shall be given.

THOMAS M'KEAN,
GEORGE BRYAN.

Philadelphia, July 26th, 1788.

On motion,

Resolved, That on Thursday next Council will take into consideration the case of Colonel Eleazer Oswald, and that the Tuesday following be appointed for the consideration of the case of Abraham and Levi Doan, now confined in the jail of this city under sentence of death.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 30th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith, David Redick, and
Christopher Kucher, George Ross, } Esquires.
John Cannon,

The business relative to the sale of the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh, was postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 31st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James Read,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher, and	
John Cannon,	David Redick,	

A petition from Joseph Banks, of Fermanagh township, in Cumberland county, representing that he became bound in a recognizance of one hundred pounds, to prosecute, in behalf of the Commonwealth, Elisha Brewer, Thomas Bailey, and Adam Rice, who were apprehended in this city, and committed to prison for a cheat; that having attended at two several courts, the trial was postponed, and when called up the third time, the petitioner was unavoidably absent, whereby his recognizance became forfeited; that the offenders have since absconded, therefore praying that Council would be pleased to remit the said forfeiture, was read, and an order taken that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

A letter from Timothy Pickering, Esquire, was received and read, informing Council of his being restored to his liberty, and that the party who took him, finding themselves unsupported by the men who advised and directed them in this affair, are now solicitous for a pardon from Council.

A letter from the Honorable the Delegates of Pennsylvania, inclosing a resolution of Congress, authorizing the Secretary at War to direct the troops of the Union to rendezvous at Easton, and to march from thence into the county of Luzerne, to quell the disturbances there, was received and read.

Upon consideration of the opinion of the Attorney General, now received, in favor of the claim of Aaron Musgrave, and others, to the reward offered by proclamation of Council, dated the twenty-sixth day of July, 1783, for apprehending and securing Abraham and Levi Doan,

Resolved, That two orders be drawn upon the Treasurer, in favor of Aaron Musgrave, Thomas Taylor, Benjamin Miller, William Webb, and John Morrison, for the sum of one hundred pounds each, being the reward offered as aforesaid; for apprehending and securing the said Abraham and Levi Doan.

The Board agreed to adjourn, and to meet again this day at the President's house, to take into consideration the case of Colonel Oswald.

The Council met, at the President's house the same day.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,
Abraham Smith,	David Redick, and
John Cannon,	George Ross.
James Read,	

The Council took into consideration the case of Colonel Eleazer Oswald, and some time being spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Tuesday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 1st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Henry Hill,	
John Cannon,	George Ross,	
David Redick,		

The time of servitude of Catherine Watson and Mary Thompson having expired,

Ordered, That their fines be remitted.

In consideration of the age and infirmities of Ann Goldsmith, now confined in the Workhouse,

Ordered, That her fine and servitude be remitted.

Upon the petition of Mary Dukey, now confined in the Workhouse, and a recommendation in her favor,

Ordered, That her servitude be remitted.

The time of servitude of John Napp and William Flemming having expired,

Ordered, That their fines be remitted.

Mr. Kucher was appointed a member of the Board of Property.

Upon application of Colonel Clement Biddle, Quarter Master General of the militia, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for the sum of eighty pounds, to enable him to provide for the subsistence of the Continental troops now about to rendezvous at Easton, for which sum he is to account.

Council took into consideration a return of the survey of the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh, in town lots and out-

lots, made pursuant to an act of Assembly, dated the eleventh of September, 1787; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Redick and Mr. Cannon be appointed a committee to affix an out-lot to each town lot, and otherwise arrange them in order for sale, agreeably to the directions of the said act, and report their proceedings for the approbation of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 4th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham George Ross, Samuel Dean, Christopher Kucher, Henry Hill, John Cannon, and James Read, } Esquires.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will take into consideration the present situation of affairs in Luzerne county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 5th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Abraham Smith, John Cannon, Christopher Kucher, David Redick, and George Ross, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for the sum of fifty-three pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the sixth day of June, until the fifth day of August, 1788, and his mileage from Philadelphia to Washington county.

In favor of Thomas Lloyd, for six pounds, in full of his account for three setts of the debates of the General Assembly, and the same number of the debates of the State Convention as published by him in the course of the last year, furnished for the use of Council.

The consideration of the case of Colonel Eleazer Oswald, and that of Abraham and Levi Doan, appointed for this day was postponed untill to-morrow.

A letter was written and sent by express to Colonel Timothy Pickering, acknowledging the receipt of his letter dated the nineteenth, and inclosing to him a copy of Council's letter to the Lieutenant of Luzerne county, of the eighteenth of last month. In this letter Council requested Mr. Pickering to give them full and certain information how matters are situated in that county, and to furnish them with his opinion, with the reasons annexed, whether an armed force is necessary to restore order and good government in said county, and whether it is necessary such force should take post at Tioga.

The Council met (at the President's house.)

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 6th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Christopher Kucher,
Samuel Dean, George Ross,
Abraham Smith, David Redick, and
John Cannon, James Read,
} Esquires.

Letters dated the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth ultimo, from Timothy Pickering, Esquire, and a letter from Zebulon Butler, Lieutenant of the county of Luzerne, with sundry depositions relating to the late disturbances in that county, were received, and the Chief Justice and Judge Bryan, attending in Council, the depositions and letters were delivered to them, and they requested to give their opinion on the propriety of admitting to bail the persons now confined in the county jail on suspicion of being concerned in the taking off Colonel Pickering.

A letter dated the fourth instant, from James R. Read, Esquire, one of our Delegates in Congress, respecting the Continental troops now at Easton, being read,

Ordered, That a letter be wrote to the Delegates to inform them that from the intelligence we have from Luzerne county, the Continental troops will not be wanted by this State.

Council took into consideration the transcripts of the record of outlawery and award of execution against Abraham and Levi Doan; whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said Abraham Doan and Levi Doan, be executed on Wednesday, the twentieth instant, at the usual place of execution, and warrants under the less seal were issued to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Redick, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the fine and imprisonment of Eleazer Oswald, be remitted, and deter-

mined in the negative; the yeas and nays being called, were as follows, vizt:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Dean,	Mr. President,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Kucher,
Mr. Redick,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Cannon.
	Mr. Ross,	

The reasons of Mr. Redick, for his vote in the affirmative on the question, shall the fine and imprisonment of Eleazer Oswald be remitted?

First. He doubts of the crime for which Mr. Oswald was sentenced; he is of opinion that no act ought to be constructed a contempt which may be doubtfull, and he conceives of this as a doubtfull case, but does not suspect the Court of having acted contrary to their judgment.

Secondly. He is of opinion that good purposes would be effected by a remission of the fine and imprisonment, and that no evil consequences would result from it; for first, the restoration of a man to a business on which the support of a valuable family depends, and which must suffer very considerably by his confinement; a compliance with the wishes and earnest solicitations of a very large number of respectable citizens, together with the prospect that the present agitation of many minds would be thereby quieted, appeared to him as a very desirable object, he therefore thought it his duty to vote in the affirmative. DAVID REDICK.

A letter from his Excellency Governor Clinton, inclosing the ratification of the Constitution for the Government of the United States by the Convention of New York, and a copy of the amendments proposed by the said Convention, were received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 7th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	John Cannon,	
David Redick,	George Ross, and	
James Read,	Henry Hill,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, for forty-seven pounds five shillings, being due for his attendance in Council from June the sixth, until August the seventh, 1788, inclusively.

In favor of John Morris, for the sum of six pounds, to defray his expences on his way from the county of Luzerne to this city with public despatches, and returning.

The Chief Justice and Judge Bryan sent in their opinion on the measures necessary to be taken with the prisoners confined in the county jail of Luzerne, a copy of which was inclosed and sent to Timothy Pickering, Esquire; and he was informed that Council agreed with the Judges that the best method that can be taken with the prisoners will be to have them prosecuted for a riot.

The opinion of the Judges is as follows, vizt:

To his Excellency the President and the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

We, the Justices of the Supreme Court, whose names are underwritten, report:—That we have read and considered the letters from Colonel Timothy Pickering to Council, together with the several papers accompanying it, and thereupon beg leave to recommend that the outrageous assault, battery and imprisonment of Colonel Pickering, be prosecuted as a riot; it is certainly one of a most audacious and atrocious nature; but as the punishment for such an offence will not extend to life or member, a conviction of the offenders, in the present unsettled condition of the county of Luzerne, may be attained with more facility, and thereby the honor of the Government preserved and justice in a degree obtained. To accomplish this end, it may be most proper for the Attorney General to prepare a bill of indictment himself, inserting all the riotous acts and aggravating circumstances of the case, and to have it presented to the grand jury for Luzerne county at the next Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace. If it shall be found by them a true bill, of which we conceive there can be but little doubt, we would advise the indictment to be removed by certiorari into the Supreme Court, and to be tried at the next Court of Nisi Prius for that county. By this mode of procedure, the Justices of the Peace of the county will have cognizance of the offence and will be authorized to bail such of the offenders as they may think proper; such as ought not to be let at large, without giving the best security and which they may not be able to procure, may be committed to Easton goal, until they shall be brought to trial.

THOMAS McKEAN,
Philadelphia, August 7th, 1788. GEORGE BRYAN.

On motion,

Resolved, That the papers which accompanied the letter from Timothy Pickering, Esquire, and a copy of the foregoing opinion of the Judges, be transmitted to the Attorney General, and that he be directed to proceed against the offenders by an indictment for a riot.

Two certificates from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the county of Washington, that a division of the district of the townships of Cumberland and Morgan, and of the district of the township of Donegal, in the said county, agreeably to act of Assembly dated the thirty-first of March, 1784, for the election of Justices of the peace, is become proper and will be usefull, which

were received and read on the sixth day of May, were this day taken into consideration, and the division as made by the said court confirmed.

Upon the petition of Elizabeth Emery,

Ordered, That the security for good behaviour required of her previous to her enlargement from confinement, be remitted.

The fine payable to the use of the State, and punishment at hard labour in the workhouse, to which Anne Elmor was sentenced by the City Court upon being convicted of larceny, were remitted upon her petition.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James Read,
Abraham Smith,	David Redick,
John Cannon,	William Maclay,
Christopher Kucher,	(now returned.)

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider for thirty pounds ten shillings, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper, from the first day of June until the thirty-first day of July, 1788.

Upon consideration of the petition of Joseph Hyde, and a recommendation in his favor from the jurors who were sworn and affirmed in his case;

Ordered, That the fine payable to the use of the State, and the punishment at hard labour to which he was sentenced by the last City Court, upon being convicted thereat for stealing a keg of white paint, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 11th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	} Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	William Maclay, and	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
George Ross,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James R. Reed for two hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as Comptroller General of this State, ending the thirteenth of last month.

In favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher for seventy-four pounds thirteen shillings, being in full for his attendance in Council from the seventh of May until August the eleventh, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for four pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the sixth until the twelfth of this month, both days included.

In favor of Clement Biddle, Esquire, for eighty pounds five shillings and six pence, in full of his account for rations supplied the Invalid Corps from the first day of May until the thirty-first day of July, 1788, inclusively, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the petition of John Weikert, of Lancaster county, and a recommendation from the Justices of the Peace of said county,

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds, payable to the use of the Commonwealth, which was imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, upon being convicted of fornication and bastardy, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 12th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	George Ross,	
John Cannon,	James Read,	
William Maclay,		

Mr. Redick and Mr. Cannon, who were appointed a committee, on the first instant, to prepare and report to Council for their consideration a plan for disposing of the lots lately laid out in the reserved tract of land opposite to Pittsburgh by public auction, agreeably to the act of Assembly, dated the eleventh day of September, 1787, now made report of such plan, which was read as follows, vizt:

Mr. Cannon and Mr. Redick, a committee of Council, report, that in compliance with the order of Council of the first instant, they propose the following plan for disposing of the lots laid out in the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh: That one out-lot be sold with each town lot, in the following manner, to wit: that the out-lot marked 1 in the general plan, be annexed, and be appurtenant to the lot number 125, in the plan of the town, &c., agreeably to the following list:

No. of the town lot united to	The out-lot numbered in this column.	Quantity of land.		No. of the town lot united to.	The out-lot numbered in this column.	Quantity of land.		No. of the town lot united to.	The out-lot numbered in this column.	Quantity of land	
		Acres.	Perches.			Acres.	Perches			Acres.	Perches
No. 125	1	10		24	45	6	10	102	275	10	
126	2	10		25	138	10		101	267	10	
127	3	10		26	139	10		105	264	10	
128	4	10		27	140	10		106	255	10	
84	5	9	47	28	141	10		107	252	10	
83	6	10		29	154	10		108	243	10	
82	7	10		30	143	10		97	274	10	
81	8	9	95	31	144	10		98	268	10	
77	9	9	114	32	145	10		99	263	10	
78	10	9	120	33	146	10		100	256	10	
79	11	9	83	34	147	10		112	251	10	
80	12	8	123	35	148	10		111	244	10	
49	13	8	116	36	149	10		110	273	10	
50	14	9	18	57	150	10		109	269	10	
51	15	9	133	58	151	10		96	262	10	
52	16	9	140	59	152	10		95	257	10	
45	17	9	132	60	153	10		94	250	10	
46	18	9	52	61	178	10		93	245	10	
47	19	9	115	62	177	10		113	272	10	
48	20	6	60	63	176	10		114	270	10	

1	21	4	70	64	175	10	115	261	10
2	22	7	30	65	174	10	116	258	10
3	23	9	140	66	173	10	117	249	10
4	24	8	88	67	172	10	118	246	10
5	25	6	104	68	171	10	119	271	10
6	26	6	150	9	179	10	120	260	10
7	27	7	28	10	180	10	92	259	10
8	28	7	24	11	181	10	91	248	10
41	29	7	94	12	182	10	90	247	10
42	30	8	70	40	183	10	89	241	10
43	31	5	140	39	184	10	88	240	10
44	32	4	137	38	185	10	87	239	10
56	33	8	7	37	186	10	86	238	10
55	34	8	137	69	276	10	85	237	10
54	35	1	150	70	266	10	121	236	10
	36	5	142						
53	37	9	144	71	265	10	122	235	10
73	38	2	36	72	254	10	123	234	10
74	39	9	96	104	253	10	124	233	10
75	40	8	100	103	242	10	13	232	10
76	41	9	45				14	231	10
21	42	8	148				15	230	10
22	43	8	150				16	229	10
23	44	7	64				17	228	10
							18	227	10
							19	226	10
							20	225	10

2ndly. That the remaining out lots so many of them be added together as will be a quantity sufficient for a farm, to wit: The first farm to consist of lots numbered 210, 209, 208, 211, 206, 207, 212, 213, 204, 205, 203, 214, 215, 202, 201, 216, 200, 217, 199, 218, 198, 219 and 224, amounting in the whole to one hundred and sixty-six acres and fifty perches. The second farm to consist of lots numbered 197, 220, 223, 222, 221, 196, 195, 194, 193, 192, 191, 190, 189, 188 and 187, containing in the whole one hundred and fifty-five acres and fifty perches.

The third farm to consist of lots numbered 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169 and 170, containing in the whole one hundred and fifty-four acres and one-quarter. The fourth farm to consist of lots numbered 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 134, 137, 142, 136, 135, 132, 131, 115, 114 and 113, amounting in the whole to one hundred and forty-four acres and twenty-eight perches. The fifth farm to consist of lots numbered 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 88, 89, 90, 91, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129 and 130, containing in the whole one hundred and two acres and an half.

And the sixth farm to consist of lots numbered 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 92 and 93, containing in the whole two hundred and eighty acres and thirteen perches of land.

3rdly. That they be exposed to sale in Philadelphia except as hereafter excepted.

4thly. That the out lots not appurtenant to the town be offered to sale in farms as above proposed, only conditioning that the highest bidder in whatever mode the monies bidden amounts to, the largest sum be the purchaser.

5thly. That the out lot, number 133, be exposed to sale by itself, and that the town lots number 54, 55 and 73, and out lots number 35, 36, 37 and 38 be left unsold, and that the persons occupying them severally be notified that Council will receive their proposals for the purchase of the several lots aforesaid.

6thly. That the time and place of sale agreeably to law be published in the Philadelphia newspapers and in the Pittsburgh Gazette sixty days before the day of sale, and that a copy of the general draft or plan of the lots be made to accompany the sale.

1788, August 12th—submitted.

DAVID REDICK,
JOHN CANNON.

Whereupon, Council came to the following resolutions:

Whereas, Colonel William Butler, James Robeson and Daniel Eliott, have spent much labour in improving severally on the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh:

And whereas, This Board are desirous that the said persons may have a preference as purchasers of the lots on which they have so improved; therefore,

Resolved, That the Honorable Mr. Redick be requested to receive proposals for the purchase of all such lots from the persons aforesaid, in order to be laid before Council.

Resolved, That proposals from William Wilson, of Pittsburgh, be received in like manner for the purchase of the island in the Allegany river, occupied by him; from John Hamilton, for Shirtees island in the Ohio river, occupied by him, and from Wood, for Crows' island in the said river, occupied by him; and that Mr. Redick lay such proposals before Council as may be made by the said persons or any of them.

The memorial of Captain John Armstrong, stating that he is possessed of sundry certificates for pay due to him, that he was out of the State from the time of passing the funding law untill after the expiration of the time in which applications were to be made, and he is precluded from the benefits thereby intended, and praying Council to direct the payment of so much interest as is due upon his certificates to supply his wants until he can apply to the Legislature for relief, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Council cannot grant the prayer of the said memorial, and that therefore the same be referred to the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 13th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith,	George Ross,	} Esquires.
John Cannon,	James Read,	
William Maclay,	Samuel Dean,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Armstrong, junior, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, in part of his pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Mrs. Anne McNeal, for the sum of two hundred pounds, in part of the pension due to her, according to the Comptroller General's report, and the Act of Assembly in such case provided.

In favor of Mr. Joseph Perkins, for the sum of two hundred pounds, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the city and county of Philadelphia, being in part of the ballance due

upon his account for repairing the public arms belonging to the said city and county, for which sum he is to account.

On motion,

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds which was adjudged by the last Supreme Court, to be paid to the use of the State by Colonel Eleazer Oswald, be remitted.

The fine of three pounds imposed upon Nicholas Rummel, by the last Court of General Quarter Sessions held in Philadelphia county, was also remitted upon his petition and a recommendation in his favor.

A letter from the Honorable the Delegates of Pennsylvania, dated the eleventh instant, acknowledging the receipt of Council's letter of the sixth instant, and informing Council that they will take the earliest opportunity to communicate the contents thereof to Congress, was read.

The Council met (at the President's house.)

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Dean, James Read, and Abraham Smith, } Esquires.
William Maclay,

The express who carried the dispatches from Council of the fifth instant, to Colonel Pickering, in Luzerne county, now returned with a letter from him dated August the ninth, inclosing the deposition of Garret Smith, relative to the late outrages, and informing Council that although the whole county is at present in peace, (all the insurgents who have not surrendered themselves or been taken having fled into the neighboring States,) yet it is his opinion that in order to establish the peace of the county of Luzerne, it is necessary to fix a military post at Tioga.

Upon application of John White, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for the sum of eighteen pounds, in full for his services as an express employed in carrying public dispatches to the county of Luzerne and returning to this city.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 16th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Henry Hill, James Read, and John Cannon, } Esquires.
William Maclay,
Abraham Smith,

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

As on Saturday.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Maclay, Samuel Dean, and Abraham Smith, Henry Hill, } Esquires.

The Council met at the President's house.

PHILADELPHIA, Wedneday, August 20th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Abraham Smith, Samuel Dean,
James Read, John Cannon,
George Ross, Henry Hill,
William Maclay, } Esquires.

Upon consideration of a petition from a number of freeholders of the county of Lancaster, in favor of Henry Ream, and a recommendation of him from the Justices of the said county,

Ordered, That the said Henry Ream be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Lancaster.

Petitions from a considerable number of the citizens of Philadelphia, and inhabitants of the county of Bucks, in favor of Abraham Doan, and Levi Doan, now confined in the jail of this city under sentence of death, were laid before Council and read; and on consideration, it was

Ordered, That the said Abraham and Levi Doan, be respited until the end of four weeks from this date, anything contained in the warrant from this Board of the sixth instant to the contrary notwithstanding.

A letter from Charles Thomson, Esquire, Secretary of Congress, inclosing an act of Congress of the twelfth instant, requesting the Executives of the State of Virginia and Pennsylvania, to hold in readiness the militia of their respective frontiers, for acting in conjunction with the Fœderal troops in protecting and defending the frontiers against Indian hostilities, whenever the

Governor of the Western Territory shall think necessary to request such aid, the number to be employed not to exceed one thousand for Virginia and five hundred for Pennsylvania.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 21st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable William Maclay, James Read, and Abraham Smith, John Cannon, Samuel Dean, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 22nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

William Maclay, James Read, Abraham Smith, John Cannon, Samuel Dean, Henry Hill, } Esquires.

John Reynolds, Gaoler, representing to Council that a certain Benjamin Hall, a free negro, undertook to execute the Doans, and that he is in danger of his life if he remains in jail.

Ordered, That the fine and punishment to hard labour of the said Benjamin Hall, be remitted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James Read, Esquire, for sixty-five pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from May the twenty-eighth, until August the twenty-second, 1788, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-six pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the twentieth day of July, untill the twenty-second day of August, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of George Weicher, for seventy-four pounds, in full for principal and interest due upon a certificate which was granted to Michael Musslemen, for a hosre furnished by him for public service in the year 1780, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Samuel Fisher, for four pounds five shillings, in full of his account for riding express to Easton with public dispatches and returning to this city.

A letter from the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, inclosing a warrant of survey lately issued by Phineas Bond, Esquire, British Consul, for ascertaining the damage sustained at sea by the brigantine Adventure, on a voyage from Barbadoes, and stating as his opinion that the said Phineas Bond, by issuing such warrant hath exceeded his powers as British Consul, and that as this transaction seems to touch the sovereign rights of this State, therefore submitting the same to the consideration of Council, was read, and on consideration an order taken that the said letters and inclosures be referred to the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General, for their opinion thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 23rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

William Maclay,	James Read,	} Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Dean, and	
John Cannon,	Henry Hill,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Cannon, for fifty-two pounds fifteen shillings, in in full for his attendance in Council untill the twenty-third of August, 1788, and his mileage.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Colonel James Marshall, Lieutenant of Washington county, for seventy-seven pounds eighteen shillings and four pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines, being in full of two several accounts for militia services on the frontier of said county, in September and October, 1787, and in March, April and May, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Chambers and William Marshall, for fifty pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence, payable out of the militia fines of the county of Washington, in full of their account for repairing the public arms belonging to the said county, according to the Comptroller General's report.

An order was also drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John and George Rowan, for sixteen shillings and ten pence, in full of their account for some repairs done to the artillery of this city, according to the Comptroller General's report, this sum payable out of the militia fines of the city and liberties of Philadelphia.

On motion,

Resolved, That the letter from General St. Clair, dated at Fort Harmar, July the twenty-fourth, 1788, and the act of Congress dated the twelfth instant, for holding in readiness the militia on the frontiers of this State, and that of Virginia, to act in conjunction with the Fœderal troops, in protecting and defending the western frontiers when it shall become necessary (which were received and read on the twentieth instant,) be transmitted to the General Assembly at their next meeting.

A petition from John M. Taylor, in behalf of Mrs. Mary Meredith, praying that a patent may be granted to her for the lots numbered 2124 and 2125, purchased by Mr. John Hood in October, 1787, and that Davis Bevan's Caveat, which was entered against granting such patent may be now dismissed, was read, and on examination of the several papers produced, it appearing that Mr. Bevan is in possion of his full quantity of ground mentioned in his patent, and that his Caveat is not supported ; therefore,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed, and that a patent issue to Mrs. Mary Meredith, for the lots so purchased by John Hood whose right is vested in said Mary Meredith.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 25th, 1788.

PRESENT :

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

William Maclay,	Samuel Dean,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	John Cannon,	
George Ross,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
James Read,	Henry Hill,	

To-morrow was appointed for going into the consideration of the several return of Justices now before the Board.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Messieurs Kline and Reynolds, for six pounds two shillings and six pence, in full of their account for advertizing for six months in the Carlisle Gazette, the drawing of a lottery for the distribution of the donation lands, and for advertizing in the same Gazette for thirteen weeks, the resolution of Council for receiving proposals to clear the Conemaugh road, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Daniel Humphreys, for five pounds one shilling and three pence, in full of his account for advertizing extracts from the acts of Assembly dated the sixteenth day of March, 1785, and twenty-fifth of March, 1786, and also public accounts and the time

of closing the new loan, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Abraham Morrow, for one hundred and four pounds nineteen shillings and one penny, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Philadelphia, being the ballance due upon his account for repairing the public arms belonging to the said county, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the following sums, vizt :

The sum of two hundred and fifty-seven pounds seventeen shillings and eleven pence, for defraying the contingent expences of his said office and of the guards, and to reinburse him for monies advanced to John White, for his services in riding express sundry times upon the business of the State, for which sum the said Comptroller is to account.

The sum of thirteen pounds eleven shillings, being the ballance of Matthias Hollenback's account for rations furnished to the Berks county militia, agreeably to contract with the State which was advanced by him to Mr. Hollenback.

The sum of four hundred and nine pounds three shillings and six pence, advanced by him to John Skinner, for the ballance due upon his first contract, for clearing the public road from Miller's Spring to the Burnt Cabbins, in Cumberland county, payable out of the money appropriated for the above purpose, by act of Assembly dated the twenty-first day of September, 1785.

The sum of one hundred and forty-one pounds six shillings and three pence, paid by him to John Skinner on account of his second contract, for clearing the public road from this side of Sideling hill to the opposite side of Rays hill, in Bedford county, payable out of the monies appropriated by the same Act of Assembly.

The sum of thirteen pounds two shillings and six pence, paid by him to Captain David Ziegler towards defraying the expence of the recruiting service, under an Act of Assembly, dated the tenth day of November, 1787.

The sum of thirty pounds seventeen shillings and five pence, paid for sundry repairs done to the Militia Artillery of this city, and for sundry materials furnished by Anthony Wright, payable out of the monies arising from Militia fines in the city and liberties of Philadelphia.

In favor of the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, for one hundred and fifty pounds, payable out of the duties arising from Tonnage, to pay the rent of an office for the collector of Tonnage, and Wardens of the Port, agreeably to the nineteenth section of an Act of Assembly, passed the second day of April, 1785.

Upon the petition of Philip Griggs,

Ordered, That the fine of twenty shillings, imposed upon him by the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in Philadelphia county, upon being convicted of an assault and battery, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 26th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith,	Samuel Dean,
William Maclay,	Henry Hill,
John Cannon,	Nathan Dennisen and
George Ross,	Frederick Watts, now returned
James Read,	from his family.

On motion of Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That agreeably to the supplement to the Act of Assembly, entitled An Act to alter and amend an Act, intituled An Act to remedy the defects of the several Acts of Assembly heretofore made, for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &ca., passed the twenty-seventh day of February last, the inhabitants of the district and borough of Carlisle, in the county of Cumberland are intitled to, and shall be allowed a third Justice of the Peace, upon an election of such Justice being held within the said borough by the Freeholders thereof, and return made to Council according to law.

William Coats and Matthias Richards, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace and Common Pleas, the former for the county of Philadelphia, and the latter for the county of Berks, upon returns made according to law, for the districts of the townships of the Northern Liberties in Philadelphia county, and the districts of the townships of Colebrookdale, Earl and Oley, in the county of Berks.

On motion,

Resolved, That Tuesdey next be appointed to take into consideration the case of Francis Wade, relative to the sale of his house; and for hearing the several claims of Richard Wells, Nicholas Young and Peter Thomson, to city lots, under old rights

Upon application of Phineas Bond, Esquire, British Consul, an order was taken that the Secretary be directed to furnish him with a copy of Judge Hopkinson's letter to Council relative to the warrant of survey lately issued by said Consul, to ascertain certain damages sustained by the brigantine Adventure.

A report from David McClure, William Bell and William Maccay, Esquires, of the evidence taken by them touching a disputed election of Justices of the Peace in the district of the township of Lack, in the county of Cumberland, in pursuance of an order of this Board of the nineteenth day of November, 1787, was received and read; and on consideration it was resolved to set aside the said election, and the same is hereby accordingly set aside and made null and void.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 27th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith,	George Ross,	Esq'rs.
William Maclay,	Nathan Dennisen,	
John Cannon,	Samuel Dean, and	
James Read,	Frederick Watts,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Robert Aitken for thirty-five pounds fourteen shillings, in full of his account for printing public accounts and other printing work done for the Comptroller General, and for stationary for his office, according to the said Comptroller's report.

On motion,

Resolved, That Tuesday next be appointed for the consideration of the case of the children of Captain William Shippen.

On motion,

Resolved, That the fine of twenty shillings, which was imposed upon Nicholas Rummel by the last City Court, upon being convicted of an assault and battery, be remitted.

A letter from Charles Thompson, Esquire, dated the twenty-fifth day of August, 1788, inclosing a requisition of Congress for the year 1788, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 28th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Samuel Dean,	
John Cannon,	Frederick Watts, and	
James Read,	Henry Hill,	
George Ross,		

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Joseph Perkin, vizt: One for one hundred and fifty pounds seventeen shillings, payable out of the militia fines of the county of Philadelphia, being the ballance due upon his account for repairing the public arms belonging to the said county. And the other of them for three hundred and eighteen pounds fourteen shillings and five

pence, payable out of the militia fines of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, being the ballance due upon his account for repairing the public arms belonging to the said city and liberties, according to the Comptroller General's report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	
William Maclay,	Frederick Watt, and	
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
George Ross,		

On motion,

Ordered, That William Craig, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Philadelphia.

Upon the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Pinegrove and Brunswick, over the Blue Mountain, in the county of Berks, an order was drawn that Egedian Meyer, Esquire, Justice of the Peace for the townships aforesaid, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid.

The consideration of Archibald Shaw's petition, praying remission of that part of the forfeiture of one hogshead of rum which belongs to the Commonwealth, incurred by him for neglecting to enter the same with the Collector of Excise in the city of Philadelphia, was postponed untill Monday next.

Council resumed the consideration of the report of their committee, which was read and entered on the minutes of the twelfth instant, containing an arrangement of the town lots and out-lots within the reserved tract opposite Pittsburgh, in order for sale; and thereupon

Resolved, That the lots aforesaid be exposed to public sale in the city of Philadelphia, on the nineteenth day of November next; and that certificates upon which interest is payable at the Treasury of this Commonwealth be received in payment therefor.

Resolved, That the Receiver General of the Land office be instructed to give public notice of the sale aforesaid in the Philadelphia newspapers and Pittsburgh Gazette, sixty days before the said nineteenth day of November.

Upon consideration of the petition from Henry Dickey, and a recommendation in his favor from four of the Justices of the Peace of this city;

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds and imprisonment which was imposed upon him by a City Court held in April last, upon being convicted of keeping a disorderly house, be remitted.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 30th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Henry Hill, Samuel Dean, Abraham Smith, William Maclay, Nathan Dennisen, John Cannon, James Read, Frederick Watts, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 1st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean, Abraham Smith, George Ross, William Maclay, Nathan Dennisen, John Cannon, James Read, Frederick Watt, Christopher Kucher, Henry Hill, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider for fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance as Doorkeeper to Council from the first untill the thirty-first of August, 1788, inclusively.

Upon the petition of Rebecca Riffets, now confined in the work house of this city,

Ordered, That the punishment at hard labour to which she was sentenced by a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery held at Philadelphia, the sixteenth day of July last, upon being convicted of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, be remitted.

Council taking into consideration the proclamation of his Britanic Majesty, of the twenty-fifth of June last, prohibiting the entry of wheat, the growth of any of the Territories of the United States, into any of the Ports of Great Britain, and having reason

to believe that the said proclamation has been occasioned by some mis-information respecting the insect called the Hessian fly; therefore,

Resolved, That a letter be written to the Agricultural Society requesting them to investigate and report to Council as soon as convenient, the nature of the Hessian fly, the manner of its being propagated, and the effects of it upon the crops of wheat.

A letter from the Delegates of Pennsylvania in Congress, inclosing their proposal for the purchase of the Territory adjoining the northern boundary of this State belonging to the United States, at the rate of three-quarters of a dollar per acre, in specie or public securities bearing interest, and the acceptance of the said proposal by the Board of Treasury of the United States, was read.

General Watt was appointed a member of the Board of Property.

A letter from the Honorable Samuel Johnston, Esquire, President of the Convention of the State of North Carolina, inclosing a declaration of rights by the said Convention, and the amendments which they wish to take place in the Constitution proposed for the future government of the United States, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 2nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Cannon,	
Christopher Kucher,	Frederick Watt, and	
George Ross,	Nathan Dennisen,	
James Read,		

Upon consideration of the petition of Stephen Shewell, it was

Ordered, That the fine of four hundred and fifty pounds, which is payable to the use of the Commonwealth, by the petitioner upon his being convicted of usury, be remitted.

The consideration of the case of Francis Wade, relative to the sale of his house, and the hearing of the several claims of Richard Wells, and Nicholas Young, and Peter Thompson, to certain city lots under old rights, were postponed.

The consideration of the petition of Jeremiah Fisher, guardian of the child or children of Captain William Shippen, deceased, relative to their pension, was also postponed.

Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Archibald Shaw, praying remission of the fine, and that part of the forfeiture

of one tierce of rum which belongs to the Commonwealth, incurred by him for neglecting to enter the same with the Collector of Excise in the city of Philadelphia, in due time, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

A petition from George William Steinhauer, of the city of Philadelphia, praying Council to remit the fine of one hundred pounds, which was imposed upon him by a Court of Oyer and Terminer held in this city in April, 1787, upon his being convicted of being concerned with John Rheiner, in altering the marks of a cargo of flour from common to superfine, was read, and an order taken that the said fine of one hundred pounds be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 3rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	John Cannon,	
George Ross,	William Maclay,	
James Read,	Frederick Watts, and	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennisen,	

A letter from Colonel Zebulun Butler, Lieutenant of the county of Luzerne, inclosing a return of field and company officers for the upper battalion of militia of the said county, and a return of officers of a troop of militia Light Horse in the said county, was received and read, and on consideration, it was

Resolved, That the return of officers elected in and for the said upper battalion, be rejected, and the said election is hereby declared null and void.

Resolved, That the return made by the said Lieutenant of officers of the troop of Light Horse, and of an Infantry company, be accepted, and that commissions be issued accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 4th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	
William Maclay,	Christopher Kucher, and	
James Read,	George Ross,	
Abraham Smith,		

On motion,

Resolved, That the letter from Council to the Agricultural Society, dated the first instant, together with their answer thereto touching the nature of the insect called the Hessian fly, (received and read this day,) be published in the Pennsylvania Packet, and that the printers of the said newspapers be requested to republish the several letters from Mr. George Morgan, of New Jersey, dated May the twentieth, and July the twenty-fifth, 1787, and June the twenty-fourth day, 1788, and the letters from John Jacobs, James Vaux, and Henry Wynkoop, dated the sixteenth day of August, 1788, upon the same subject immediately following the publication of the first mentioned letters.

Upon application of Captain James Chrystie,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be instructed to institute an amicable suit at law for determining the dispute subsisting between said Captain Chrystie and the Comptroller General in behalf of the Commonwealth, respecting certain certificates for soldiers' pay, which the Comptroller alledges are escheated to the Commonwealth.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 5th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
William Maclay,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,		

A letter from James Coyle, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace and Common Pleas for the county of Huntingdon, requesting leave to resign his said offices being read,

Ordered, That his resignation be accepted.

Samuel Garrigues and Peter Lohra, were appointed and commissionated to be Notaries Public in and for this Commonwealth, agreeably to the prayer of their several petitions.

Richard Peters, Esquire, and Mr. John Curwen, made a report agreeably to the order of Council the nineteenth of July last, of a survey and admeasurement of that part of the Lancaster road called Jones' lane, proposed to be made on new ground, which being read, an order was taken,

That public notice be given that proposals will be received at the Secretary's office, untill the day of for making good the said road, agreeably to the following courses and distances, vizt: Beginning at a white oak at the side of the Lancaster road, thence south sixty-four degrees, west two hundred and thirteen perches to a dead black oak, thence north seventy-three degrees, west nineteen perches to Goodman's bridge.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of said Richard Peters and John Curwen, for three pounds, being the expence of surveying the said road.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. McCalmont, a committee from the General Assembly, attended, and informed the Council that the House was now met, and ready to receive any business Council may have to lay before them. The Committee were informed that a message was preparing, and should be transmitted to the House to-morrow, together with a number of papers therein referred to.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 6th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Frederick Watts,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds, in part of his salary as Vice President, for which sum he is to account.

On motion,

Resolved, That agreeably to the supplement to the act of Assembly entitled An Act to alter and amend an act intituled An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace through-

out this State, &ca., passed the twenty-seventh day of February last, the inhabitants of the town of Easton in the county of Northampton, are entitled to and shall be allowed a third Justice of the Peace, upon an election of such Justice being held within the said town by the freeholders thereof, and return made to Council according to law.

The following draft of a message from Council to the General Assembly, was read and approved, vizt:

A message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—The daring insult offered to the laws of the State during the recess of your Honorable House, by the insurgents of Wyoming, in carrying off the person of Timothy Pickering, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county, called for the immediate interposition of Government, more especially as there was no knowing to what further lengths their outrages might be carried, unless speedily checked.

For this purpose we issued proclamations offering rewards for apprehending those offenders whose names were known, and made application to the governments of New Jersey and New York, to co-operate in our measures, and received the most friendly assurances of their support. We also obtained the permission from the Honorable Congress that the troops of the Union then on their march to the westward, should proceed (if found necessary,) to Wyoming. These active measures, supported by the friends of government within the county, have been attended with success.

Colonel Pickering was released, a number of the rioters have been taken into custody, and apparent peace restored to the county. Sundry papers relating to the above transactions are enclosed in number one.

In order to carry into effect your resolution of the twenty seventh of March last, respecting the seventeen enumerated townships, we appointed Colonel Stephen Balliot and Major William Armstrong, commissioners to ascertain the quantity and quality of the particular tracts of land contained in the said townships. To their report, marked No. 2, we beg leave to refer you.

In compliance with your resolution of the twenty-ninth of February last, we have negociated, by means of our delegates in Congress, with the United States for the tract of country, which on actual survey may appear to be their property, on Lake Erie, adjoining the northern boundary of this State. The report, with the documents on which the same is founded, are contained in the bundle No. 3.

The lowering the terms of lands in the new purchase, and freeing the surplus of the donation lands from the appropriation by which they are bound, are matters in our opinion worthy the attention of the House. By these means not only an old fund would be rendered productive, but a new one will be oponed.

Impositions are practised by persons selling adulterated plate. An office erected for the purpose of assaying and stamping all plate offered for sale, would tend to prevent fraud, and give security the purchasers of that article.

The disabled pensioners have lately been paid out of the unappropriated funds of the State. It appears that these funds are insufficient to discharge the demands made on them, and if the pensions are continued to be paid, some other provision is necessary.

The magazine for storing of gunpowder in this city is not only improperly situated with respect to the town, but too small to contain the quantities now imported and manufactured in the neighborhood. We therefore think a revisal and alteration of the laws passed the twenty-eighth of March, 1787, respecting gunpowder, is now highly necessary.

The depreciation of our paper Money calls for the attention of the Legislature. We wish for a conference with a committee of your Honorable House on this important subject.

We have called upon the respective county Lieutenants for returns of persons subject to the performance of militia duties, and of those who have actually attended on muster-days, agreeably to your resolution of the twenty-ninth day of March last. These returns shall be laid before the General Assembly as soon as they come to hand.

We also herewith communicate a resolution of Congress, dated July the eleventh, 1788, respecting pensioners, an extract of a letter from General Harmar, dated June the thirtieth, 1788, copies of the ratification of the Fœderal Constitution by the States of Virginia, South Carolina, and New York, with amendments proposed by Virginia and New York; also a letter from the President of the Convention of North Carolina, inclosing the proceedings of the said Convention, a letter from Thomas Paine, Esquire, dated at Paris, May the fourth, 1788, inclosing the opinion of the Academy of Sciences at Paris, on the principles and construction of the model for a bridge over the Schuylkill, a letter from General St. Clair, of July the twenty-fourth, and a resolution of Congress, of August the twelfth, 1788, relative to the holding in readiness the militia on the frontiers, to act in conjunction with the Fœderal troops, in defending the western country against Indian hostilities, two letters from Charles Thompson, Esquire, Secretary of Congress, dated the twentieth and twenty-fifth days of August, 1788, the one inclosing a copy of the Journal of Congress from the commencement of the Fœderal year to the twentieth of August, 1788, and the other inclosing a requisition of the United States in Congress assembled, for the year 1788, and a memorial from Captain John Armstrong.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, September 6th, 1788.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watts, and	
Christopher Kucher,	John Cannon,	

Upon consideration of a representation from the Justices of the city and county of Philadelphia, in favor of Simon Gore, now confined in the jail of this city,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State, and the imprisonment to which he was sentenced, for a contempt of a late court of justice, be remitted.

A letter from Charles Thomson, Esquire, Secretary of Congress, inclosing an act of the United States, in Congress assembled, of the fourth instant, by which they relinquish and transfer to this State the jurisdiction of the tract of land on lake Erie, which the State has agreed to purchase of the United States, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 9th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,
Henry Hill,	Nathan Dennisen,
Abraham Smith,	Christopher
John Cannon,	Frederick Watt.

Council taking into consideration the act of Congress, dated the fourth instant, which was received and read yesterday, it was

Resolved, That the same be transmitted to the General Assembly, together with the following letter, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, September, 9th, 1788.

SIR:—By direction of the Board, I do myself the honor to transmit you for the consideration of the General Assembly an act of Congress, passed the fourth instant, by which the United States relinquish and transfer to the State of Pennsylvania all their right,

title, and claim, to the Government and jurisdiction of the tract of land on lake Erie, which the State has agreed to purchase of the United States.

By accounts received from Pittsburgh, a pacific disposition is manifested on the part of the Indians, and there is now reason to expect a large meeting of the northern and western tribes at Muskingam, to hold a treaty with the Continental Commissioners. This favorable opportunity ought not, in the opinion of Council, to be missed, for altho' the quantity of triangle purchased from the Board of Treasury cannot be ascertained with precision before the necessary lines are run, agreeably to the act of Congress, in the sixth day of June last, yet, as a great part of the expence attending treaties with Indians is incurred by collecting and furnishing them with provisions, charges which in this instance may be avoided, Council therefore earnestly recommend the appointing Commissioners on the part of this State, to attend the ensuing treaty for purchasing from the Indians who may appear to have just claims to the same, the whole of the triangle aforesaid, as nearly as the bounds of the same may be ascertained by the best information which can be now obtained.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient and very humble servant,

PETER MUHLENBERG, V. P.

Honorable THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esq'r, Speaker of the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 10th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher, &	
John Cannon,	Frederick Watt,	

The petition of Elizabeth O'Hara and Margaret Jackson, being read,

Ordered, That the fine of five pounds imposed upon Elizabeth O'Hara, and her servitude to hard labor, and the fine of Margaret Jackson, of fifty-two pounds two shillings and six pence, and servitude to hard labor, be remitted.

On motion,

Ordered, That Monday next be appointed for going into the consideration of the petition from several persons resident in the North-

ern Liberties, relative to certain vacant lots of ground bounding upon Vine, Callowhill and other streets in said Liberties, which they conceive have become the property of the Commonwealth.—And that the petitioners be notified to attend with such papers as they may have to produce in support of the said petition.

Ordered, That the Attorney General, Land Officers and Comptroller General, be also requested to attend at the same time to confer with Council on the subject of the said petition.

Mr. Peters, Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Finlay and Mr. Irwin, a Committee from the General Assembly attending were introduced, and a conferrence was held upon the subject of the letter transmitted yesterday from Council to the General Assembly, relative to a purchase of the tract of country lying between this State and Lake Erie from the Indians.

The following draft of a letter from Council to the General Assembly, was read and approved vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, September 10th, 1788.

SIR:—I have the honor to enclose you by order of Council, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a petition from Jacob Gerhard, one of the collectors of taxes in Montgomery county, whose case, if truly stated, claims the attention of the Legislature.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect, your obedient and
Very humble servant,
PETER MUHLENBERG, Vice President.

Honorable THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esq'r., Speaker of the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 11th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill, Nathan Dennisen,
Abraham Smith, Christopher Kucher, and
William Maclay, Frederick Watts,
John Cannon, } Esq'rs.

The several fines payable to the use of the Commonwealth by Elizabeth Ellis and Mary Munroe, imposed upon them by the City Court held in July, 1787, upon their being severally convicted of larceny, were remitted, it appearing to Council that their term of servitude in the work-house is expired.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 12th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,
Abraham Smith,
William Maclay,
John Cannon,
Frederick Watts,
Christopher Kucher,
James Read, and
John Smilie, now returned from his family.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 13th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,
Abraham Smith,
William Maclay,
John Cannon,
Frederick Watts,
Christopher Kucher,
Nathan Dennison,
James Read, and
John Smilie,
} Esquires.

Upon application of Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for three hundred and twenty-two pounds eight shillings and two pence, payable out of the monies arising from the militia fines in the said City and Liberties of Philadelphia, for defraying the expence of exercising the militia of said City and Liberties on the ensuing muster day, for which sum he is to account.

On motion,

Ordered, That the consideration of the petition from sundry persons resident in the Northern Liberties, relative to a number of vacant lots in the said Liberties, which was appointed for Monday next, be postponed untill the Wednesday following.

Mr. Logan, Mr. Scott and Mr. Burkhalter, a Committee from the General Assembly attended, and a Conferrence was held respecting John Franklin, a State prisoner, now confined in the jail of this city.

Council Chamber.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable William Maclay, Abraham Smith,
Henry Hill, James Read,
Samuel Dean, John Smilie,
Nathan Dennisen, Christopher Kucher, &
George Ross, Frederick Watts,
} Esq'rs.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 16th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

William Maclay, Abraham Smith,
Henry Hill, James Read,
Samuel Dean, John Smilie,
Nathan Dennisen, Frederick Watts,
George Ross, Christopher Kucher,
} Esquires.

A petition from Joseph Eckley, Collector of taxes in Lower Salford township, in Montgomery county, stating that he was sued for monies collected by him, but no judgment hath yet been obtained against him, that his bail hath surrendered him to jail, whereby his family are reduced to great distress, that he is determined to abide the event of the suit, therefore, praying that he may be discharged on common bail, and that the Attorney General may be instructed to accept his appearance without other surety, was read, and thereupon, an order was taken that the prayer of the petition aforesaid be granted.

Charles Dilworth and John Hannum, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Chester, upon a return made according to law, for the district of the town of West Chester.

Upon consideration of the petitions of Thomas Kennedy and Philip Juner, now confined in the jail of the county of Bucks,

Ordered, That the several fines payble to the use of the Commonwealth, imposed upon them by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of said county, in September, 1787, upon their being severally convicted of larceny, be remitted, it appearing to Council that their terms of servitude is expired.

Council taking into consideration a resolution of Assembly dated September the twelfth, requesting the Board "to consider of a spot suitable for a gunpowder magazine without the city of Philadelphia, at a safe distance from it, and to negotiate the purchase;" thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Maclay, Mr. Hill and Mr. Read, be a committee to receive proposals from any persons who may be desirous of selling a suitable piece of ground for the above purpose, and for erecting thereon a sufficient magazine.

Council adjourned to meet at the President's house.

The Council met at the President's House the same day.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

William Maclay,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	James Read,	
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Nathan Dennisen,	Frederick Watt, and	
George Ross,	Christopher Kucher,	

A letter from Charles Thomson, dated the thirteenth instant, inclosing the proceedings of Congress of the same date, for putting in operation the Constitution for the general government of the United States, which has been adopted by eleven of the said States, was received and read and transmitted to the General Assembly.

Council again took into consideration the case of Abraham and Levi Doan, two prisoners now confined in the jail of this city, under sentence of death, to whom a respite was granted on the nineteenth of last month, which expires to-morrow; thereupon,

Ordered, That a warrant under the less seal of the State, be issued for executing the sentence of the Court upon them, the said Abraham and Levi Doan, on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of this month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 17th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

William McClay,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	James Read,	
Samuel Dean,	John Smilie,	
Nathan Dennisen,	Frederick Watt, and	
George Ross,	Christopher Kucher,	

Council took into consideration a petition and remonstrance of Robert Galbraith, Esquire, President of the Court, and sundry of the Magistrates and others of Huntington county, complaining of the conduct of Lazarus Brown M'Lene, Prothonotary of the said county.

Ordered, That previous to Councils going into an investigation of the complaint agaist the said Lazarus Brown M'Lene, Esquire, the complainants be directed to furnish to the Board in writing, the particular charges which are alluded to in their petition, and the evidence they have to adduce in support thereof.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-five pounds, being in full for one quarter's salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated the twenty-ninth day of September, 1787.

In favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennisen, Esquire, for twenty-six pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the twenty-third of August untill the seventeenth of September, 1788, both days included, and his mileage.

Upon application of William Henry, Esquire, Lieutenant of the city, Colonel William Will and Major Alexander Boyd of the fourth battalion of militia of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be directed to furnish three quarter casks of gunpowder for the use of such of the militia of this city as may be called to exercise on the eighteenth instant.

The following draft of a letter from Council to the General Assembly, was read and approved, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, September 17th, 1788.

SIR:

By direction of Council, I do myself the honor to transmit you for the consideration of the General Assembly, a memorial from Messieurs Turnbull. Marmie and company, merchants of this city, together with two letters, the one from Charles Thomson, Esquire,

Secretary of Congress, inclosing a state of the representation in Congress, for the months of June, July and August, 1788; and the other from the Honorable Samuel Johnston, Esquire, President of the Convention of the State of North Carolina, inclosing two resolutions of the said Convention.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, sir, your most obedient and very humble servant,

PETER MUHLENBERG, V. P.

Honorable THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly.

James Maxwell, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Franklin, upon a return made according to law, for the district of the townships of Montgomery.

A letter from the Comptroller General informing Council that the following actions, viz: The Commonwealth, Samuel Miles—Timothy Matlack Black, Executor of Caleb Newbold, and Alexander Boyd and Company, are all ready for trial, and that the Attorney General, who hath appeared for the Commonwealth, hath received no compensation for them or any of them, was read; and thereupon

Ordered, That the Attorney General be allowed the sum of ten pounds as a fee upon each of the before mentioned actions, and that an order for the sum of twenty pounds, part thereof, be now drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor.

An account of James Elliott, containing charges for nursing John Franklin, a State prisoner, during his illness, and for sundry necessaries furnished him, which the Comptroller General does not think himself authorized to allow, being laid before Council, it was, on consideration,

Resolved, That the said James Elliott be allowed payment for a nurse, attending on John Franklin during his illness, and that such necessaries as are absolutely requisite be furnished to said Franklin, at the expence of the State until his recovery.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Chambers, Esquire, late Sub-Lieutenant of Northampton county, for the sum of twenty-three pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of militia fines collected by John Herron, and charged by the Comptroller General to said Chambers in the settlement of his account, but which he has not recovered by reason of said Herron's insolvency. The said sum to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines in Northampton county.

A letter from the Comptroller General informing Council that Mr William Sheaff purchased two lots of ground at the north-west corner of Third street and Green street, in the Northern Liberties, marked D and No. 57, part of the ground whereon the barracks

lately stood; that upon a late measurement thereof the same doth not contain the quantity of ground Mr. Sheaff was lead to expect, and therefore he is intitled to a proportionable abatement, which will reduce the purchase to one hundred and four pounds, was read; and thereupon

Ordered, That a deed for the said two lots, agreeably to the late measurement thereof, be granted to Mr. Sheaff, upon his paying the said sum of one hundred and four pounds.

Upon consideration of the account presented to Council by Stephen Balliet, Esquire, and Major William Armstrong,

Resolved, That agreeably to the minute of Council of the tenth day of June last, forage is included in the expences of the Commissioners appointed under the resolution of Assembly of the twenty-seventh of March last, and therefore the charges for forage cannot be allowed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Smilie,
Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watt,
James Read,	Christopher Kucher, and
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie, and
William Maclay,	George Woods, (now returned from their families.)
Nathan Dennisen,	
George Ross,	

Upon consideration of the petition from Jacob Livergood, who was convicted in the county of Berks of passing counterfeit money, knowing it to be such, and is now confined in the jail of this city, praying to be released from his present confinement, and also a recommendation in his favor,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, on condition that the petitioner give sufficient security in the county of Berks to be of good behaviour to all persons.

A petition from Jacob Stough, praying remission of a fine of ten pounds, imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held in Dauphine county, in February last, upon his being convicted of keeping a tipling house, was read, together with a recommendation in his favor; thereupon

Ordered, That the fine aforesaid be remitted.

Messieurs Francis Gurney, Richard Wells, Presley Blackiston, Thomas Shields and Gunning Bedford, Commissioners appointed

by act of Assembly passed the twenty-ninth of September, 1787, intituled An Act to appoint Commissioners to regulate the streets, lanes and alleys in the district of Southwark, and to lay out new streets, lanes and alleys therein, for the accommodation of the inhabitants, and to lay out the roads therein mentioned through the said district and parts of the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, now made report, that they have performed the duties required of them by the said act, and submitted the said report to the consideration of Council, which being read, it was

Resolved, That Thursday next be appointed for the consideration of the said report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
George Ross,	George Woods,	
William Maclay,	Samuel Dean,	
Nathan Dennisen,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Frederick Watt,	John Cannon,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of William Montgomery, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds, payable out of the monies appropriated by law for the expences of Government, agreeably to resolution of the General Assembly dated the twenty-second of November, 1783, being his wages as a member of the Council of Censors for twenty-four days, vizt: From December the sixth, 1783, until January first, 1784, inclusive, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the said William Montgomery, Esquire, for thirty-seven pounds, in full of his account for his attendance at Wyoming as a Commissioner of Claims under the act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of March, 1787, vizt: From the nineteenth until the twenty-fourth of August, 1787, inclusive, six days, and again from the second of September, until the second of October in the same year, inclusive, thirty-one days, according to the Comptroller General's report and the said act of Assembly.

In favor of the Honorable William Irvine, Esquire, for one hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to his Clerk on the tenth day of July last, according to the Comptroller General's report and an act of Assembly dated the fourth day of April, 1785.

Upon application of Christian Wyerman, requesting the permission and recommendation of Council to travel through this State, into the State of Virginia, and the other southern States,

Ordered, That a pass, under the seal of the State, be granted to him to travel as aforesaid.

The following letter from Council to the Gen'l Assembly, was read and approved, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, September 19th, 1788.

SIR:—The memorial of David Linton, of the county of Lancaster, is inclosed for the consideration of the General Assembly. The merits of this worthy citizen in apprehending a daring villain, in the opinion of Council, claim the attention and some reward from your Honorable House.

I have the honor to be with great respect, your obedient and very humble servant,

PETER MUHLENBERG.

Honorable THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esq'r, Speaker of the General Assembly.

Upon the petition and recommendation in favor of William McHenry, of Bucks county,

Ordered, That the fine of seven pounds ten shillings, payable to the use of the Commonwealth, imposed upon him by a Court of General Quarter Sessions, held in September, 1783, upon being convicted of an assault and battery, be remitted.

Upon application of Captain John Paul Schott,

Ordered, That Clement Biddle, Esquire, Quarter Master General of militia, be directed to furnish Captain Schott with twenty pair of pistols, twenty swords, one trumpet, and one standard, out of the stores belonging to the State, for the use of his troop of Light Dragoons, Captain Schott to be accountable therefor.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 20th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	
John Cannon,	James Read,	
George Woods,	George Ross,	

The petition of Alexander Barr, stating that in September, 1781 he was called upon to perform his tour of militia duty as a private

in the seventh battalion of the Lancaster county militia, at which time he was taken sick and rendered unable to do military duty or to attend a Court of Appeal, therefore, praying remission of the fine which has been imposed upon him by reason of his non-attendance, was read, together with a recommendation in his favor; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the complaint against Lazarus Brown McLene, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Huntingdon, be postponed until Monday next.

A petition from John Hoover, relative to a shallop hired by him in the year 1777, to the Board of War, which was destroyed by fire, and for which he has not received full compensation, was read and referred to the Comptroller General, to investigate the facts stated therein, and report to Council as soon as may be.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 22nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennison,	
William Maclay,	George Ross,	
John Cannon,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Maclay, Esquire, for forty pounds twelve shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the eighth of August until the twenty-second day of September, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for twenty-three pounds five shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the twenty-third of August, until the twenty-second of September, 1788, inclusively.

On motion,

Ordered, That Clement Biddle, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for city and county of Philadelphia.

A memorial from John Penn, Junior, and John Penn, by their Agent, Anthony Butler, containing a brief of their title to the manor of Springetsbury, lying north of the city of Philadelphia, was read, together with several inclosures; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said memorial and inclosures be put into the hands of Mr. Maclay, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Smith, the Committee appointed upon the petition of Thomas Britton, and others.

Council resumed the consideration of the memorial containing a complaint against Lazarus Brown McLene, Esquire, for misconduct in his office of Prothonotary of the county of Huntington and the particular charges alluded to in the said memorial, being laid before the Board in writing, agreeably to the minute of the seventeenth instant: it was thereupon,

Resolved, That Alexander Grayton and Joseph Hubley, Esquires, be authorized and requested to attend as soon as convenient in the town of Huntington, and there to examine upon oath such witnesses as may be adduced relative to the charges exhibited against Lazarus Brown McLene, Prothonotary of the said county, that they inspect the records of his said office, and make report of their proceedings in writing to Council on the eighteenth of November next, at which time the said Prothonotary is hereby required to attend this Board.

Resolved, That the Honorable John Cannon, Esquire, member of this Board, be also requested to attend in Huntington to administer the oath to such witnesses as may be called to be examined touching the complaint aforesaid.

A letter from Charles Thomson, Esquire, inclosing An Act of Congress of the sixteenth instant recommending to the several States to pass proper laws for preventing the transportation of convicted malefactors from foreign countries into the United States, was received and read, and an order taken that the same be transmitted to the General Assembly together with the following letter, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, September 22nd, 1788.

Sir:—The inclosed letter from Charles Thomson, Esquire, together with an act of the United States in Congress assembled, dated the sixteenth instant, the Board direct me to transmit to you for the consideration of the General Assembly.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your most obedient and very humble servant,

PETER MUHLENBERG, V. P.

Hon'ble Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly.

Upon consideration of a petition from William Barton,

Ordered, That execution against him for a debt due to the Commonwealth on a judgment obtained at the suit of the Collector of the Customs, be suspended for the term of five years from the date of this order, the petitioner paying the costs that have accrued.

Upon consideration of the petition of John Redman,

Ordered That execution against him as special bail for Mr. William Lawrence for a debt due to the Commonwealth, from said Law-

rence on a judgment obtained at the suit of the said Collector of the Customs, be also suspended for the term of eighteen months from this date, he the said John Redman paying the costs that have accrued.

Council taking into consideration a letter from several members of the General Assembly, informing the Board that John Skinner hath compleated the work of clearing and making good the public road from this side of Sideling Hill to the opposite side of Ray's Hill, in the county of Bedford, and the said Skinner having applied to Council for the ballance of money due upon his contract, and to have his bond cancelled; thereupon,

Resolved, That an order be now drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said John Skinner, for the sum of two hundred pounds, ballance due upon his contract, and that the bond executed by him be delivered up to be cancelled.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 23rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James Read,
Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,
Christopher Kucher,	George Ross,
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennisen, and
John Smilie,	John Baird, (now re-
George Woods,	turned from his
John Cannon,	family.)

The petition of John Fowler, now confined in the jail of this city, upon conviction of larceny, stating that his term of servitude is expired, and praying remission of the fine imposed upon him for the said offence, was read; and

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

Council taking into consideration the late services of Captain William Ross, of the Luzerne county militia, in support of the laws of the Commonwealth,

Resolved, That Council entertain a just sense of the good conduct of Captain William Ross, and the officers and privates under his command, in opposing the late rioters in the county of Luzerne, and endeavouring to restore order and good government in the said county.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to procure a sword, at the expence of the members now present, and present the same

to Captain William Ross, as a mark of the favorable opinion this Council entertain of his merit, and that the following inscription be engraved on it, vizt: Captain William Ross, the Supreme Executive Council present this mark of their approbation, acquired July the fourth, 1788, by your laudable firmness in support of the Commonwealth.

CHARLES BIDDLE, Secretary.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 24th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honerable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	
Abraham Smith,	George Ross,	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennison, and	
William Maclay,	John Baird,	
George Woods,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Lieutenant Colonel Francis Mentges, for one hundred pounds, being the sum allowed him by act of Assembly, dated the twentieth day of this month, for his services as Inspector of Militia of this State, and of the public arms under the direction of Council.

Agreeably to a resolve of the General Assembly of yesterday, requesting a respite of the execution of Abraham Doan and Levi Doan, for six days, Mr. Fitzimmons, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Rittenhouse, the committee appointed by the said resolve, attended in Council, and a conference was held on the case of the said Abraham Doan and Levi Doan. After some time spent therein, the committee withdrew.

It was then moved to respite Abraham Doan and Levi Doan, untill Tuesday next, and was negatived. It was moved to reconsider the vote respecting Abraham Doan and Levi Doan, and was negatived.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 25th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	George Ross,	
John Smilie,	Nathan Dennison,	
William Maclay,	John Baird, and	
George Woods,	Henry Hill,	
John Cannon,		

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will appoint a Prothonotary for the county of Allegany.

William Henderson, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Franklin, upon a return made according to law, for the district of the town of Green Castle.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Cannon, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the twenty-fourth of August untill the twenty-sixth of September, 1788, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennison, Esquire, for six pounds, for eight days' attendance in Council, from the eighteenth until the twenty-fifth of September, 1788, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, in full of his account for one quarter's salary as a Judge of the Supreme Court, ending the eighteenth instant.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Meredith, Esquire, for one hundred and nineteen pounds eleven shillings, in full of his account for his pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, from the twenty fifth of July until the fourteenth of September, 1788, and his mileage.

In favor of the widow and children of Baltzer Cline Smith, late of the Northumberland county militia, deceased, for forty-eight pounds fifteen shillings, payable out of the militia fines of said county, being due for their pension from the fifteen of July, 1788, until the twenty seventh of August, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly, dated the twentieth of March, 1780.

In favor of Mary Sloan, late widow of David Sloan, deceased, for eight pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, being the residue of her pension, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly, dated the first day of March, 1780.

In favor of the widow of William Henry, Esquire, late of the county of Lancaster, deceased, for the four following sums, according to the several reports of the Comptroller General, vizt:

For the sum of two hundred and sixty-pounds five shillings and eleven pence, payable out of the neat proceeds of the sales of British merchandize seized at Lancaster in the year 1782, in the hands of Mr. Taylor, being one moiety of the said neat proceeds, to which the said William Henry was entitled.

For the sum of eighty-eight pounds twelve shillings and ten pence, payable out of the militia fines of the county of Lancaster, being a ballance due upon his account for military stores furnished for public use in the year 1782 and 1783.

For the sum of six pounds nine shillings and seven pence, amount of an account for cash advanced for expences of an Indian prisoner, for expresses with letters on public service, for his own expences, to, at, and from Carlisle, on business of the State, &ca.

For the sum of nine pounds five shillings and three pence, in full of his account for his services in the convention which sat in order to regulate trade, in the month of January, 1780.

A letter from the Board of Treasury of the United States, dated the nineteenth of this month, inclosing a copy of a letter written by the Board to the Comptroller of accounts for the State of Connecticut, on the subject of Invalid pensions, together with a copy of their report on the same subject, was received, read and filed.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be appointed for the consideration of the petition from some of the inhabitants of the district of Earl, Oley, and Colebrookdale townships, in Berks county, containing a complaint against the late election of Justices in said district.

The proposals of Robert Galbraith, Esquire, to clear and make good the public road leading from Frankstown to the mouth of Loyalhanning creek, of the breadth of fifteen feet, except in places where digging or bridging is necessary, which places are to be but twelve feet, with convenient places for waggons to pass and repass, to be compleated by the first day of January next, for the sum of three hundred and ninety-three pounds in specie, one-half whereof to be paid to him immediately, and the other half when the said work is finished, were read and accepted by Council, and thereupon, an order drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Robert Galbraith, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and ninety-six pounds ten shillings, to enable him to begin the said work.

Robert Galbraith, Esquire, offered Hugh Davidson and Andrew Henderson, Esquires, as sureties for his faithfully performing the said work, who were accepted by Council, and a bond was accordingly executed.

A letter from Timothy Pickering, Esquire, and sundry other papers, relative to the application of Captain William Ross in behalf of the persons concerned in taking the late rioters in Luzerne

county, was read and referred to Mr. Maclay and Mr. Dennison to report thereon. The said committee made report, which was read and adopted, as follows, vizt:

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Timothy Pickering, and sundry other papers, relating to the rewards for apprehending the rioters at Wioming, in pursuance of the proclamation of the eighth day of July last, report: That a reward of one hundred dollars be paid for apprehending Benjamin Earl, (named in said proclamation,) taken by Captain Church and his party.

That the reward of one hundred dollars be paid for apprehending Thomas Kinney, (named in said proclamation,) taken by Captain Ross and his party.

That the reward of one hundred dollars be paid for apprehending Joseph Dudley, (named in the said proclamation) taken by Captain Roseweli Franklin, and that an order issue in favor of Captain William Ross. for the several sums above mentioned for the use of the persons who have apprehended the rioters aforesaid.

And thereupon,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain William Ross, for one hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings, being the rewards offered by said proclamation for apprehending and securing the rioters before named, to be paid by Captain William Ross to the persons concerned in taking them according to their several shares therein.

The consideration of the report of the Commissioners appointed by act of Assembly dated twenty-ninth of September, 1787, to survey and regulate the district of Southwark, was postponed until Thursday next.

The following letter from Council to the General Assembly, was read and approved, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, September 25th, 1788.

Sir:—Colonel Pickering, in behalf of Captain William Ross, having preferred a claim which Council presume will merit the attention of your Honorable House, it is with no small pleasure I transmit the purport of it, expressed in that gentleman's letter to the Board

I have the honor to be with great respect,
Your most obedient and very humble servant,
PETER MUHLENBERG, Vice President.

Hon'ble Thomas Mifflin, Esq'r,
Speaker of the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 26th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Abraham Smith,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennison,	
John Smilie,	John Baird,	
William Maclay,	Henry Hill,	
George Woods,	James Read,	
John Cannon,	Samuel Dean,	
Samuel Edie,		

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the election of a Prothonotary for the county of Allegany, and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that James Bryson was duly elected.

Upon the petition of Anne Atkinson, now confined in the jail of this city,

Ordered, That the fine payable to the use of the State, and the punishment at hard labour to which she was sentenced by the City Court held in April last, upon being convicted of larceny in stealing the property of Martha Thompson, was remitted.

The record of the conviction of Ira Manvil and Benedict Satterlie of a riot, being laid before Council by the Prothonotary of Luzerne county,

Ordered, That an order issue in favor of Captain William Ross for seventy-five pounds, being the reward offered by proclamation of Council, dated the eighth of July last, for apprehending and securing the said Ira Manvil and Benedict Satterlie, to be paid by Captain Ross to the several parties concerned in taking them, according to their several shares therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That James Brison, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated to be Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, and also a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Allegany.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 27th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	James Read,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennisen,	
William Maclay,	John Smilie,	
John Cannon,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	George Woods, and	
George Ross,	John Baird,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as a Judge of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon consideration of a petition from a considerable number of the inhabitants of York town, in favour of William Kessecus, now confined in the jail of York county,

Ordered, That the fine payable to the use of the Commonwealth, and the punishment at hard labour to which the said William Kessecus was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, held at York town the last Tuesday in July last, upon his being convicted of larceny, be remitted.

The fine due to the State, imposed upon Jane Match, now confined in the work-house of this city, upon her being convicted at the last City Court of keeping a tipling house, was also remitted, agreeably to the prayer of her petition.

On motion,

Ordered, That Tuesday next be appointed for the election of a Lieutenant for the county of Allegany.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	
George Ross,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	George Woods,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Armstrong, jun'r, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, in part of his pay as a Delegate from this State to Congress, for which sum he is to account.

Samuel Jones, Esquire, was commissionated Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration and Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Alleghany, agreeably to the appointment of him to those offices by the General Assembly on the twenty-seventh instant.

Samuel Jones, Esquire, was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Allegany aforesaid.

James Barr and George Wallace, Esquires, of Westmoreland county, were now offered and accepted by Council as sureties for James Brison's faithful performance of all the duties required of him as Prothonotary of the county of Allegany.

A letter from the Comptroller General was read; and thereupon it was

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the General Assembly, together with the following letter, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, September 29th, 1788.

SIR:—The inclosed letter from John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, recommending an application to Congress for a prolongation of the time allowed the Commissioner for examining the accounts of this State with the Union, the Board have directed me to transmit to you for the consideration of the General Assembly.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient and very humble servant,

PETER MUHLENBERG, V. P.

Honorable THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly,

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 30th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	
George Ross,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	David Redick, and	
John Smilie,	George Woods,	

The Secretary informed Council that agreeably to their directions he had presented Captain William Ross with the sword they had ordered him.

Captain Ross desired the Secretary to acquaint the Board that he entertains the highest sense of the honor done him by their present, and that he will ever be ready to use it in support of the laws of the Commonwealth.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of James Elliott for twenty-five pounds two shillings, in full of his account for boarding and attendance upon John Franklin, a State prisoner, during his illness, and for sundry necessaries furnished to him, according to the Comptroller General's report of this date.

In favor of Frederick Snyder for thirty-three pounds fifteen shillings, for purchasing fire wood for the use of this Board, he to be accountable.

A petition from the inhabitants and freeholders of the south-west part of Montgomery county, praying that the said south-west part of said county, vizt: Beginning where the Berks county line intersects the river Schuylkill, then down the river to the division line between New Hanover and Limerick townships, then along the said line until it strikes the great road leading from Philadelphia to Colebrookdale, thence along the said road to the Berks county line, thence down the said line to the place of beginning," may be erected into a district for the election of Justices of the Peace, was read, together with a recommendation from the Justices of said county; it was thereupon

Ordered, That the said south-west part of Montgomery county, as before described, be and the same is hereby erected into a separate district for the purpose of electing Justices of the Peace.

Agreeably to the minute of Saturday last, Council proceeded to the choice of a Lieutenant for the county of Allegany, when General Richard Butler was unanimously elected to that office and he was commissionated accordingly.

John Pomroy, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Westmoreland, upon a return made according to law, for the district of the township of Derry.

Mr. Clymer, Mr. McLene, Mr. Peters, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Finley, Mr. Logan, a committee from the General Assembly, attending were introduced and a conferrence was held upon the subject of the depreciation of the paper currency.

Henry Taylor, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace for the district of the township of Straban, James Edgar a Justice of the Peace for the district of the township of Smith, and William McFarland a Justice of the Peace for the district of the township of Amwell in the county of Washington, upon returns made according to law, for the said several districts.

Henry Taylor, James Edgar, and William McFarland, Esquires, were also appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Commonpleas in and for the county of Washington.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said Henry Taylor, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated President of the Court of Common Pleas, of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and of the Orphans' Court of the county of Washington.

Two returns of Justices from the districts of the townships of Cecil and Dickinson in the county of Washington, were read and not allowed, as the whole of Dickinson, and part of Cecil district has been struck off to the county of Alleghany.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of James Skelton of Chester county,

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds, payable to the use of the Commonwealth, which was imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of the said county, upon his being convicted of fornication and bastardy, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 1st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	James Read,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	John Baird,	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Edie,	
David Redick,	George Woods,	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watts, and	
George Woods,	William Maclay,	
George Ross,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, for the sum of forty-two pounds, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the eighth of August untill the second of October, 1788, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable Thomas M'Kean, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as Chief Justice of this Commonwealth, ending the twenty-fifth of September, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds, for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council, from the first untill the thirty-first of September, 1788, inclusively,

In favor of Joseph Hubley, Esquire, for the sum of fifteen pounds, in full for his services in conducting one hundred and sixteen recruits from Philadelphia to camp, and untill his return to Lancaster, in the months of June and July, 1780.

Council taking into consideration the resolution of the General Assembly, dated September the thirteenth last, authorizing and empowering this Board to appoint two persons as Commissioners, to negotiate and complete the purchase of the triangular piece or tract of country lying and being between the northern boundary of this State and Lake Erie, from the Indians who have just claims thereto.

Thereupon,

Resolved, That General Richard Butler and General John Gibson, be appointed Commissioners to carry into effect the said resolutions so far as circumstances will admit.

Resolved, That Mr. Maclay and Mr. Smilie be appointed a Committee to prepare and report to the Board, a draft of instructions to the said Commissioners.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 2nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James Read,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird,	
David Redick,	Samuel Edie.	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt,	
George Woods,	William Maclay,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Maclay, Esquire, for seven pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance Council from the twenty-third of September untill the second of October, 1788, inclusively.

On motion,

Resolved, That in cases where patents have or may hereafter issue, and when error or errors shall have crept in through the inadvertance or mistake of any of the officers concerned in the surveying or other departments of the Land Office business, and where a new patent may be necessary to rectify such mistake, the seal of the Commonwealth may be affixed without fee or reward.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom were referred the several memorials from Thomas Briton and others, and from Anthony Butler, in behalf of Messieurs John Penn, Junior, and John Penn, Esquires, with the several papers accompanying the same, vizt:—That an interference by Council respecting the lots alluded to in said memorials, while a dispute is depending at law between the parties aforesaid, will be improper; it was

Resolved, That the same be adopted.

The consideration of the report of the Commissioners appointed by act of Assembly, dated the twenty-ninth of September, 1787, to survey and regulate the district of Southwark, was postpon'd.

The committee appointed to prepare a draft of instructions to the Indian Commissioners, made report of the following, which was read and adopted, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia, October 2nd, 1788.

GENTLEMEN:—You will herewith receive a resolution of the Honorable the General Assembly of the thirteenth ultimo, together with the several resolutions of Congress, respecting the triangular piece of Country which lies adjoining Lake Erie and the northern line of Pennsylvania, by which you will find that this State is now vested with both right of jurisdiction and soil. You will likewise receive a commission for the purpose of purchasing from the Na-

tives their claim to the soil, agreeably to the constant usage of Pennsylvania, as also a rough draft of the country in question, laid down by Mr. Ellicot, in the best manner he has been able from his present knowledge of it.

The Supreme Executive Council are very sensible of the great difficulties which you progress in this business, must be attended with not having the monies necessary for this service in your present disposal, nor would the Board by any means have imposed the task under such a circumstance, had it not been on account of the advantage which will probably result from the present Convention of these Indians at Muskingum, or perhaps the advantage of finding them at Pittsburgh on their way to their own country, might be a more favorable place, so that you will have either in your power.

The Board have great reliance on your prudence, sagacity and particular knowledge of these people, as well as a proper knowledge of their present disposition from the Continental transactions, which one of you have or are now especially conversant with. If therefore, you shall find the Indians who have just claims in a proper temper or otherwise, you will be governed accordingly, whether to commence the business at present or leave it over until you shall have prospects more favorable; it is, however, hoped that you may be able to dispose the minds of these people, at least to appoint delegates to meet at a certain future day and place, to finish what you have happily now begin.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, with great respect,

Your most obedient and very humble servant,

PETER MUHLENBERG, V. President.

General Richard Butler and John Gibson, Commissioners for purchasing from Indians, &ca.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Commissioners, for sixty pounds, to enable them to proceed in carrying into effect the before-mentioned resolutions.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 3rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	George Ross,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	James Read,	
Abraham Smith,	John Baird,	
David Redick,	Samuel Edie, and	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt,	
George Woods,		

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain James McLean, the one for forty-five pounds six shillings and three pence, being one month's pension due to himself and the corps of Invalids under his command, and the other for sixteen pounds seven shillings for his subsistence in the months of July, August and September, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon application of Captain James McLean, informing Council that the corps of Invalids under his command are destitute of sufficient cloathing for the approaching season, and requesting directions from Council with respect to the manner of supplying them,

Ordered, That the said corps be supplyed at the expence of the State with such articles of cloathing as are necessary for the ensuing season, and that the amount be deducted from their several pensions.

Upon the petition and recommendation from the Justices of Berks county, in favor of Jacob Miller,

Ordered, That the several fines due to the State, and the punishment at hard labour, to which the said Jacob Miller was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace and jail delivery of said county, held in the month of August last, upon his being convicted of larceny upon two indictments, be remitted.

Upon consideration of the petitions of James Eagen and John Miller of Lancaster county, and recommendations in their favor from some respectable inhabitants of said

Ordered, That the several fines and that part of the several forfeitures of a quantity of liquors which belongs to the Commonwealth, incurred by them for neglecting to enter the same with the Collector of Excise of Lancaster county, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 4th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	David Redick,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Frederick Watt,	
James Read,	John Baird,	
George Ross,	George Woods, and	
John Smilie,	Christopher Kucher,	
Samuel Edie,		

Several of the members present agreed to meet at the President's house in the afternoon.

The Council met the same day, P. M., at the President's house.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble John Smilie,	David Redick, and	Esquires.
John Baird,	George Ross,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for fifty pounds, to be paid by him agreeably to Act of Assembly, dated this day to the person or persons who was or were concerned in apprehending and securing a certain George Sinclaire, who hath been out-lawed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 6th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	George Woods,	
George Ross,	David Redick,	
James Read,	Frederick Watt, and	
John Smilie,	Christopher Kucher,	
John Baird,		

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow Council will meet at the President's house, to take into consideration the Act of Assembly, to establish

a Board of Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned, dated the fourth instant, so far as relates to the appointment of said Wardens.

Mr. Woods was appointed a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 7th, 1788, at the President's House.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Henry Hill,	George Woods,	
George Ross,	David Redick,	
James Read,	Frederick Watt, and	
John Smilie,	Christopher Kucher,	
John Baird,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt: In favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-five pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the ninth of July, until the sixteenth of October, 1788, inclusively.

A letter was written to the Honorable the Delegates of this State, requesting them to make application to Congress for a prolongation of the time allowed the Commissioners for examining and settling the accounts of this State with the United States, in which letter was inclosed a copy of a resolution of the General Assembly, dated the fourth instant, authorizing such application.

Agreeably to the Minute of yesterday, Council took into consideration the Act of General Assembly, passed the fourth instant, entituled "An Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned;"

And on motion, it was

Resolved, That Samuel Caldwell, Esquire, be re-appointed Collector of Tonnage.

The Board then proceeded to the appointment of Wardens under the before mentioned Act of Assembly, and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that the Gentlemen hereafter named were duly elected, vizt: John Maxwell Nesbitt, James Craig, junior, William Allibone, Nathaniel Falconer, Robert Paisley, Francis Gurney and Philip Benezet.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Dean,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
George Ross,	George Woods,	
James Read,	David Redick,	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt, and	
John Baird,	Christopher Kucher,	

The petition of John Glen, for a remission of the militia fines imposed on him from the first of November, 1777, to the first of May, 1781, and sundry certificates proving that during that time he was employed by Colonel Benjamin Flower as contractor for lumber, &c., for the United States, being read,

Ordered, That the said John Glen's militia fines from the first of November, 1777, until the first of May, 1781, be remitted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth of September last, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Dean, Esquire, for fourteen pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the twenty-second of September until the ninth of October, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

A petition from divers inhabitants, freeholders of the district of the townships of Colebrookdale, Earl, and Oley, in the county of Berks, complaining of irregular proceedings at the last election of Justices of the Peace held in the said district, and praying that an inquiry may be made according to law, and if it shall appear that the said election was illegally conducted, that the same may be set aside and a new election ordered, was read. And the question, "Shall the prayer of the petition aforesaid be granted, and an enquiry ordered," being put, it was determined in the negative, vizt:

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Baird,	Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Edie,
Mr. Redick,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Watt, and
Mr. Smilie,	Mr. Woods,	Mr. Kucher.
Mr. Read.		

Colonel Isaac Melcher represented to Council, that seven patents from the Commonwealth, granted him for lands within this State, have been so defaced by fire as to be rendered useless, and request-

ed that the great seal may be affixed to the like number of copies, and that the same may be signed by the President; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Melcher's request be granted, upon his producing a certificate from the Master of the Rolls that the said copies have been by him carefully compared with the record, and found to agree therewith.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 9th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Samuel Dean,	Christopher Kucher,	
George Ross,	David Redick,	
James Read,	John Smilie, and	
Samuel Edie,	John Baird,	
Frederick Watt,		

On motion,

Resolved, That George Wallace, Esquire, be appointed President of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, and of the Orphans' Court, of the county of Allegany.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 10th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	
Christopher Kucher,	David Redick,	
Frederick Watt,	John Baird,	
John Smilie,		

On motion,

Ordered, That to-morrow be appointed for the consideration of the case of the children of Captain William Shippen, relative to their pension, and that the Attorney General be requested to attend Council at ten o'clock, upon the said business.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for twenty-five pounds; and in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for the same sum, for the purpose of defraying their expences as Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery of this State on the ensuing circuit, for which several sums they are to account.

In favor of Andrew Ellicott, Esquire, for forty-four pounds, to reimburse him for two horses lost when in the employ of the State, in the business of running and marking the northern boundary of Pennsylvania, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Benjamin Ellicott, for one pound five shillings, in full of his account for making a map of the new acquired territory on Lake Erie, for the purpose of information to the Commissioners appointed to purchase the claim of the natives to the said territory, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Valentine Hoffman, for six pounds twelve shillings, for bushing one cannon belonging to the State and for bringing the same to Philadelphia, according to the Comptroller General's report, to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines in the city and liberties of Philadelphia.

Upon consideration of the petition of Henry Grim, and a recommendation from the Collector of Excise and two of the Justices of the Peace of the city and county of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the moiety of the forfeiture of eighty-one gallons of rum, which belongs to the Commonwealth, incurred by him for neglecting to enter the same in due time with the said Collector of Excise, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 11th 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	George Woods,	Esquires.
George Ross,	Samuel Edie,	
James Read,	John Baird,	
David Redick,	Christopher Kucher, and	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for fifty pounds, being one-quarter's salary due to his Clerk on the tenth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated the fourth day of April, 1785.

A letter from James Craig, Jun'r, requesting Council to accept his resignation of the office of Warden of the Port, to which he was elected on the seventh instant, was read, and the said resignation accepted: Council thereupon proceeded to the appointment of a Warden to fill the said vacancy, and the ballots being taken for the several candidates it appeared that Captain Leeson Simmonds, was duly elected.

Upon consideration of the petition of Hugh Patton, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the Collector of the Customs may be instructed to receive his entry for the exportation of a quantity of teas which he shipped for Virginia on board the sloop Betsy and Polly, in order that he may have an allowance or drawback of the duties thereon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

The Attorney General attended and informed Council that he has endeavored to bring forward an investigation of the claim of Jeremiah Fisher, to an additional pension for the children of Captain William Shippen, deceased, before the Judges of the Supreme Court, but the hurry of business in the said Court has hitherto prevented it, and that he is ready to meet Mr. Fisher's Council at any time when it may be convenient to the Judges, to give a hearing upon the said business.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 13th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable PETER MUHLENBERG, Esquire, Vice President.

Henry Hill,	George Woods,	Esquires.
George Ross,	Samuel Edie,	
James Read,	John Baird,	
David Redick,	Christopher Kucher, and	
John Smilie,	Frederick Watt,	

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform James Pettigrew, Esquire, Collector of Excise for the county of Northampton, that unless he forthwith gives sureties in the room of those he now has, he will be superceded.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esquire, for twenty-one pounds five shillings, being a ballance due upon his account for his salary as Vice President of the State, ending this day.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of James Pettigrew, Esquire, Collector of Excise in the county of North-

ampton, from the twentieth day of June, 1786, until the twentieth day of June, 1788, was read and approved, and the Comptroller General directed to take the necessary steps to recover from James Pettigrew, the ballance of two hundred and seventy-one pounds thirteen shillings and two pence, due to the State upon the said account.

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President, conveying to William Sheaf, in fee simple, two lots of ground marked with the letter D, and number 57, being part of the ground whereon the barracks lately stood in the Northern Liberties, containing in breadth north and south on Third street thirty-three feet nine inches, on Rose alley eighteen feet four inches and a half, and on Green street one hundred and twelve feet. Consideration one hundred and four pounds. Deed dated ninth instant.

The Council met at the President's house.

PHILADELPHIA, October 14th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable Samuel Edie, George Woods, Henry Hill, John Smilie, John Baird, and David Redick, } Esquires.

Council finding that Mr. Muhlenberg, Esquire, had gone out of town without resigning his office of Vice President, it was

Resolved, That an express be sent to him with a letter from Council requesting him to send in his resignation. A letter was accordingly written and forwarded by John White, Express.

The Council met at the President's house the same day at eight o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

His Excellency BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esquire, President.

Henry Hill, George Woods, David Redick, John Smilie, Samuel Edie, George Ross, John Baird, Frederick Watt, and Christopher Kucher, } Esq's.

Council received a letter from the Honorable Vice President, inclosing his resignation, which was accepted. The Board then pro-

ceeded to the choice of a Vice President, and the ballots being taken it appeared that the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, was duly elected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross,	John Baird,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher, and	
John Smilie,	George Woods,	

The oath directed by the Constitution was administered to the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, to qualify him for the exercise of his office of Vice President of this Board.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable George Woods, Esquire, for thirty-one pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the eighteenth of September until the fifteenth of October, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

In favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, for twenty-seven pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the eighteenth of September until the fifteenth of October, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 16th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
John Smilie,	George Woods,	
John Baird,	Frederick Watts, and	
George Ross,	Christopher Kucher,	

Zebulun Potts, Esquire, took his seat at the Board as Councillor for the county of Montgomery, upon a return made of the general election for the said county, agreeably to law, having previously taken the oaths required by the Constitution.

By the same return it appears that Francis Swaine, Esquire, and John Pugh, are returned as Sheriffs elect, and Samuel Hines and Patrick Hanely as Coroners elect, for the county of Montgomery.

On motion,

Ordered, That Francis Swaine, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Samuel Hines Coroner, of the county of Montgomery.

Upon consideration of the petition of Conrad Hoke, and a recommendation in his favor from a number of respectable inhabitants of York county,

Ordered, That the fine of twenty-five pounds, payable to the use of the Commonwealth, which was imposed upon him by the Supreme Court, held at York town in January, 1787, upon his being convicted of a riot, be remitted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Henry Hill, Esquire, for seventy-six pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance in Council until the fourteenth day of October, 1788, inclusive.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred pounds, being one quarter's salary as Comptroller General, ending the thirteenth instant.

In favor of the said John Nicholson, Esquire, for fifty-five pounds, for defraying the contingent expenses of the Comptroller General's office, and for purchasing fire-wood for the corps of Invalids, for which sum he is to account.

A return of the general election for the county of Berks, was received and read, by which it appears that Jacob Bawer and Philip Kreemer, Esquires, were duly elected Sheriffs, and Peter Feather, Junior, and George Nagle, Coroners of the said county.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said Jacob Bawer, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and the said Peter Feather, Jun'r, Coroner, of the said county of Berks.

Colonel Nicholas Lutz and Henry Spohn, of the county of Berks, were offered and accepted as sureties for the said Jacob Bawer's faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of the Honorable Frederick Watts, for storage of public arms and accoutrements, from April, 1780, until the end of the war, amounting to fifteen pounds, was read and approved, and an order drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the said sum, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Cumberland.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 17th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross,	George Wood,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	John Baird,	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Eleanor Hitchcock, for the sum of twelve pounds, in full of her account for her services in the years 1775 and 1776, in erecting at Cape Henlopen a large pole, and hoisting thereon from time to time two flags, as signals to vessels belonging to the bay and river Delaware, of the approach of the enemy, pursuant to instructions from the Committee of Safety, dated September sixteenth, 1775.

Upon application of Andrew Brown, printer of the newspaper called the Fœderal Gazette,

Resolved, That the Door-keeper be directed to take six copies of the said Gazette, for the use of Council, on each day of publication.

A return of the general election of the county of Chester, was received and read, and Ezekiel Leonard, Esquire, thereupon appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and John Underwood, gentleman, Coroner of the said county. Emor Jefferies and Joel Bailey, of the county of Chester, were offered and accepted as securities for Ezekiel Leonard's faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff.

By the said return, it appeared that Richard Willing, Esquire, was duly elected Councillor for the said county of Chester.

Richard Willing, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county aforesaid, attending, was admitted to his seat at the Board, having previously taken the oaths required by the Constitution.

The Honorable Peter Muhlenberg and John Richard, Esquire, were offered and accepted as securities for Francis Swaine's faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff of Montgomery county.

A return of the general election for the county of Bucks, was received and read, and Jacob Bennet, Esquire, thereupon appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Isaac Vanhorne Coroner of the said county.

James Fate and William Bennet, of the county of Bucks, were offered and accepted as securities for Jacob Bennet's faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff; by the said return, it

appeared that Amos Gregg, Esquire, was duly elected Councillor for the county of Bucks.

The Council met.

The same day, at five o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
George Ross,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watts,	Samuel Edie, and	
John Baird,	Richard Willing,	
George Woods,		

Return of the general elections for the city and county of Philadelphia, were received and read, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen were elected, vizt:

Samuel Miles, Esquire, Councillor for the city of Philadelphia; Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, Councillor for the county of Philadelphia.

James Ash and William Will, Sheriffs, and John Leacock and John Knight, Coroners for the said city and county of Philadelphia.

A petition from William Will, Esquire, complaining of undue proceedings at the late election of Sheriffs in the city and county of Philadelphia, and praying that Council will refuse to grant a commission to the person highest in vote on the return, that subpœnas may issue, to compel the attendance of his witnesses, and that he may have access to the list of voters, was read.

Council being informed that Jacob Gideon, John Haydon, Isaac Wheeler, Thomas Ireland, John McLean, and Samuel Talman, witnesses named by Colonel Will, are about to leave the city, it was

Resolved, That a subpœna issue under the less seal of the State, requiring their attendance in Council to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to give evidence concerning the irregular proceedings complained of.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross,	John Baird,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Richard Willing,	Thomas Mifflin, and	
Samuel Edie,	George Woods,	
Frederick Watt,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James R. Ried, Esquire, for thirty-three pounds seventeen shillings, ballance due upon his account for his attendance in Congress as a Delegate from this State untill the twenty-second instant, inclusively and his mileage, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Council proceeded to the consideration of the complaint and petition against the late election of Sheriffs in the city and county of Philadelphia; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Plunket Fleeson, Esquire, be desired to furnish to Council as soon as may be the list of names of the persons who voted at the general election held in the city and county of Philadelphia, on the fourteenth instant, for the information of the Board.

Jacob Gideon, one of the witnesses named by Colonel William Will, was called in and sworn.

Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. Smilie, seconded by Mr. Baird, that in examining witnesses in the case of Sheriffs' elections for the city and county of Philadelphia, the witnesses shall be permitted to give their narrative in their own way, without interruption.

And on the question to agree to the same, Council being divided, the yeas and nays were required, and were as follows, vizt:

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. Smilie,	Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Woods,
Mr. Kucher,	Mr. Edie,	Mr. Ross.
Mr. Watt,	Mr. Read,	
Mr. Baird,	Mr. Willing,	

So it was determined in the negative.

It was then moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Ross, that Jacob Gideon be permitted to go on with his evidence without interruption of such facts as he knows of his own knowledge touching the late election of Sheriffs for the city and county of Philadelphia.

And on the question to agree to the same, the yeas and nays were required, and were as follows, vizt:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. Vice President,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Willing,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Kucher,
Mr. Edie,	Mr. Woods,	Mr. Watts, and
		Mr. Baird.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

Upon application of Colonel William Will to be heard by Council,

Resolved, That his request be granted, and his Council was accordingly admitted.

The Council met.

The same day, P. M.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross,	John Baird,	Esq'rs.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	
Samuel Edie,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,		

John Haydon, Isaac Wheeler, Henry Kammerer, John McLean, and Samuel Talman, witnesses adduced in support of the petition and complaint against the late election of Sheriffs in the city and county of Philadelphia, were severally sworn and examined touching the irregularities complained of.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 20th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

George Ross,	John Baird,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	
Samuel Edie,	John Smilie, and	
Frederick Watts,	Zebulon Potts,	

Samuel Miles, Esquire, Councillor elect for the city of Philadelphia, and Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, Councellor elect for the

county of Philadelphia, took their seats at this Board agreeably to the returns of the general election in the said city and county, made to Council on the seventeenth instant, they having previously taken the several oaths required by the Constitution.

Ephraim Steel, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Cumberland, upon a return made according to law for the district and borough of Carlisle, in said county

A return of the general election held in the county of Lancaster, was received and read, and James Ross, Esquire, thereupon appointed Sheriff, and Michael App, Coroner of the said county.

James Clunie, Esquire, was also appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Michael Rahm, Coroner of the county of Dauphine, Martin Withington, Sheriff, and Thomas Hamilton, Coroner of the county of Northumberland, and George Graff, Esquire, Sheriff, and George Schryver, Coroner of the county of Northampton, upon returns made according to law, of the general elections lately held in the several counties aforesaid.

The following named gentlemen were offered and accepted as securities for the Sheriffs, vizt: For James Ross, Esquire, Sheriff of Lancaster county, Robert Coleman, Joseph Work, and Frederick Kulm; for James Clunie, Esquire, Sheriff of Dauphine county, Robert Clark, and Valentine Hummel; for Martin Withington, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Northumberland, Henry Shoemaker, George Moy, and Andrew Stroup; and for George Graff, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Northampton, Peter Kohler, and Jacob Newhard.

Upon application of Colonel William Will, a supœna was issued under the less seal of the State, requiring the attendance of Aaron Cewlin, Henry Fetzen, Joseph Wooden, Jacob Wolff, John Hart, Jacob Sauder, (butcher,) Eli Chandler, Henry Branson, William Schneider, John Kelsy, and Richard Robinson, forthwith to give evidence concerning the disputed election of Sheriffs in the city and county of Philadelphia.

The consideration of the petition and complaint against the late election of Sheriffs in the city and county of Philadelphia was resumed, and the Board proceeded to the further examination of witnesses in support of the said complaint, Philip Stricker and John Snyder, were severally sworn and examined.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 21st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	John Baird,	
George Ross,	John Smilie,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Frederick Watt,	Richard Willing,	

Amos Gregg, Esquire, Councellor elect for the county of Bucks, took his seat at this Board, agreeably to the return of the general election in said county, which was made to Council on the seventeenth instant, he having previously taken the affirmation required by the Constitution.

A letter was written to his Excellency Governor Clinton, of the State of New York, requesting that he will be pleased to order to be transmitted to Council the letters written by John Franklin to Doctor Hamilton, of that State, relative to their claims to lands within this State under grants from Connecticut, &ca., together with any other papers he may be possessed of, upon the same subject, to be used upon the trial of John Franklin, before the Justices of the Supreme Court in the county of Luzerne.

Upon application of Colonel William Will, a supœna was issued under the seal of the State requiring the attendance of William Zane, Tench Francis, Peter Ozeas, Alexander Boyd, William Carpenter, Robert Cole, John Davis, John Harrison, Richard Stephens, Joseph Butler, James France, Benjamin Thaw, Nathan Jackson, John Newton, George Brand, and Parish, forthwith to give evidence concerning the disputed election of Sheriffs in the city and county of Philadelphia, when Peter Ozeas and William Zane, were sworn and affirmed and their evidence taken.

On motion,

Resolved, That during the investigation of the complaint aforesaid, the doors of Council shall remain open for the admission of all persons who behave decently.

The Council met the same day at three o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	John Smilie,	
George Ross,	John Baird,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Frederick Watts,	Amos Gregg,	

Agreeably to the reports of the Comptroller, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of George Graff, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Northampton, for the sum of twelve pounds six shillings and two pence, in full for his services and expences in bringing a certain George Sinclaire, from the said county of Northampton to the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia.

In favor of John White, for two pounds four shillings and one pence, in full for his services as an Express employed by Council to carry public dispatches to the county of Montgomery, on the fourteenth instant.

Council proceeded to a further hearing of witnesses in support of the complaint against the election of Sheriffs in the city and county of Philadelphia, and John Hunter, Robert McCall and John Davis, were sworn and examined.

Upon the examination of Robert McCall, the following question was put to him by Mr Rawle—"Who did you vote for?" but some of the members objecting to the question, it was moved "that the sense of Council be taken" whether the witness shall be asked for whom he voted, and the question put was carried in the negative.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 22nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	George Woods,	
Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	
George Ross,	John Baird,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Captain James McLean for thirty pounds five shillings and one penny, in full of his account for ten pair of blankets and seven watch coats, purchased for the use of the corps of Invalids under his command.

In favor of Timothy Pickering, Esquire, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings, being a ballance due upon his account for his attendance as a Commissioner of Claims, under the act of Assembly for confirming the lands of Connecticut claimants, &ca.

Upon consideration of a petition from Colonel William Will, praying to be permitted to have recourse to the list of taxables and poll lists taken at the late general election in the city and county of Philadelphia, an order to examine and compare the same, an order was taken that the prayer of the said petition be granted, provided that such lists be examined and compared in the presence of the Secretary of this Board, his Deputy or the Clerk.

The Council met.

The same day at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	John Baird, and	
James Read,	Samuel Edie,	

Upon consideration of a petition from Colonel William Will, an order was taken that the farther hearing of witnesses be postponed until Tuesday the twenty-eighth instant, in order that the petitioner may in the mean time have an opportunity of examining and comparing the poll lists taken at the late general election in the city and county of Philadelphia, with the lists of taxables in said city and county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 23d, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watts,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Baird,	George Ross, and	
Samuel Edie,	Richard Willing,	

The account of the Honorable Frederick Watts, Esquire, for storage of public arms and accoutrements from April, 1780, until

the end of the war, was, upon motion, reconsidered, and the order granted to him for the amount thereof on the militia fines of Cumberland county, made payable out of any monies in the Treasury arising from militia fines.

Agreeably to the reports of the Comptroller General, orders were drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Charles Risk for forty-one pounds twelve shillings for signing bills of credit of the last emission, and in favor of Jacob Trecbery for ten shillings for work done for the Artillery Labaratory.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 24th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
James Read,	George Ross,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watts,	Christopher Kucher,	

The Board took into consideration the act of General Assembly entituled "An Act for the payment of an additional sum of money to Gunning Bedford and others for their services in erecting a triumphal arch in the city of Philadelphia," passed the third instant, and thereupon an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Gunning Bedford and others for the sum of one hundred and eighty-five pounds, being the sum mentioned in the said act of Assembly, in full of the remaining ballance due upon their account for their services in erecting the said triumphal arch.

John Leacock was appointed and commissionated Coroner of the city and county of Philadelphia, agreeably to the return made to Council on the seventeenth instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 25th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Frederick Watts.	Zebulun Potts,	
John Baird,	George Ross, and	
Samuel Edie,	Richard Willing,	
George Woods,		

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Ross, it was *Resolved*, That Colonel William Will be requested to attend Council forthwith.

A letter from His Excellency Samuel Huntington, Esquire, Governor of the State of Connecticut, dated the fourteenth instant, relative to the confinement of John Franklin, was received and read, and a letter written in answer thereto, signed by the Vice President, for which see the Letter book.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 27th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Samuel Edie,	
James Read,	George Woods,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts, and	
George Ross,	John Smilie,	
Christopher Kucher,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Joseph Skerrett, for one pound three shillings and six pence, in full of his account for sitting up a stove, for the use of the Door-keeper of Council, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of his Excellency Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, for seven hundred and thirty-seven pounds thirteen shillings, being the ballance due upon his account for his salary as President of the State, ending the fourteenth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Colonel James O'Harra, for one thousand dollars being in part of seven thousand dollars, which, on the tenth day of

January last, Council agreed to pay to him, for the purpose of suppilyng the troops in the western country with provisions, he, the said O'Harra, to be accountable, this sum to be charged to the United States.

Colonel William Will attended, and gave Council some information touching his inquiries into the irregularities alledged to have been committed at the late General election of Sheriffs, of which he complains.

The Board resumed the consideration of the complaint and petition against the late election of Sheriffs in the city and county of Philadelphia, and after some time spent therein, it was

Resolved, That the boxes, now in the possession of Council, containing the votes for the General Assembly, taken at the late general election in the said city and county of Philadelphia, be opened, in the presence of the Board; and that Mr. James Ash and Colonel William Will, be permitted to examine and compare the lists that may be found therin.

The Council met the same day, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
James Read,	George Woods,	
George Ross,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Christopher Kucher,	John Smilie,	
John Baird,	Richard Willing,	

Agreeably to the minute of this morning, the boxes containing the votes for members of the General Assembly, taken at the late general election, were opened; and upon motion, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Ross and Mr. Baird be a committee of this Board, to superintend the examination and comparing of the lists of taxables and poll lists by Messieurs Ash and Will, in the Committee room.

Upon application of Colonel William Will, a subpœna, under the Seal of the State, was issued, requiring the attendance of Alexander Boyd, William Carpenter, Richard Stephenson, John Harrison, Joseph Butler, James France, Benjamin Thaw, Nathan Jackson, George Brand, ——— Parrish, Isaac Grant, John Allen, William Holmes, Simon Gore, John McGill, Barnet Shaffer, Robert Baine, Daniel Carson, Robert Lumsdale, ——— Brown, and Thomas Alexander, forthwith to give evidence concerning a contested election of Sheriff in the city and county of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 28th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Thomas Mifflin,	Amos Gregg,	
James Read,	George Woods,	
George Ross,	John Smilie, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	

John Ludwig, Esquire, who has been elected to a seat in the General Assembly, now presented to Council his resignation of the offices of Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Berks, which resignation was read and accepted.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, for seven pounds, being the amount of the expences of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, in coming to, attending, and returning from a Supreme Court, held at Philadelphia, in September term last.

In favor of the Honorable William Irvine, Esquire, for sixty-nine pounds twelve shillings, being the ballance of his accounts for his attendance as a member of Congress for this State, from the fifth day of July until the twenty-seventh day of October, 1788, and one mileage, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Returns of the general elections held in the counties of Luzerne and Huntingdon, were received and read, and Lord Butler, Esquire, thereupon appointed Sheriff, and Nathan Cary, Coroner, of the county of Luzerne, and John Patton, Esquire, Sheriff, and Lodwick Sell, Coroner, of the county of Huntingdon.

Lord Butler, Esquire, offered Colonel Zebulun Butler and Abel Pierce, of Luzerne county, as his securities, and they were accepted by Council.

Henry Neff and John Williams were also offered and accepted as securities for John Patton, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Huntingdon.

The return of the general election in the county of Cumberland, was received and read, by which it appears that Charles Leeper and James Wallace have been duly elected Sheriffs, and John Walker and John Ray, Coroner, of the said county.

Council proceeded to the further examination of witnesses in support of the complaint against the late election of Sheriffs in the city and county of Philadelphia, when Thomas Carpenter, Benjamin Thaw, Isaac Grant, Robert Bane, John Allen, Simon Gore, were sworn and affirmed and their evidence taken.

The Council met the same day at half-past three o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Thomas Mifflin,	Amos Gregg,	
James Read,	George Woods,	
George Ross,	John Smilie, and	
Christopher Kucher,	Samuel Edie,	

The Committee appointed to superintend the examination of the boxes containing the votes and other papers, taken at the late general election in the city and county of Philadelphia, reported that they had finished that business.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	John Baird,	
James Read,	George Woods,	
George Ross,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watts,		

On motion,

Ordered, That Charles Leeper be appointed and commissionated Sheriff and John Walker, Coroner, of the county of Cumberland.

The letters of John Franklin and Doctor Hamilton, were received from the Governor of New York and were immediately transmitted to the Attorney General, by the Sheriff of Luzerne county.

Joseph Wooden and John Alexander, witnesses adduced in support of the complaint against the late election of Sheriffs, in the city and county of Philadelphia, were sworn and examined.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 30th, 1788.

PRESENT :

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	John Baird,	
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	
George Ross,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watts,		

A return of the general election held in the county of York, was received and read, and John Edie, Esquire, thereupon appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Andrew Johnston, Coroner, of the said county : the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, and David M'Conaughey, Esquire, were offered and accepted as secureties for the said Sheriff.

William Craig, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace, in and for the county of Northampton, upon a return made according to law, for the district of the town of Easton in the said county.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Mifflin, Mr. Read and Mr. Ross, be a committee to prepare and report to Council a draft of a message to the General Assembly.

The Board proceeded to hear the arguments of the gentlemen who were Counsel for the candidates for the office of Sheriff, in the city and county of Philadelphia, and the same being finished, the parties withdrew; it was then upon motion,

Resolved, That James Ash, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia.

Bryan Wilkinson, Joseph Coperthwate and James Craig, Junior, of the city and county of Philadelphia, were offered and accepted as secureties for the said Sheriffs faithful performance of the duties of his office, according to law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 31st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	Samuel Edie,	
George Ross,	John Baird,	
James Read,	George Woods,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Smilie, and	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,		

A return of the general election of the county of Westmoreland, was received and read, and William Perry, Esquire, appointed Sheriff, and Robert Dickey, Coroner, of the said county, commissions were issued accordingly.

Upon consideration of a petition from divers inhabitants of Cumberland county, in favor of John Marshall,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State, imposed upon him in the year 1779, for not performing a tour of militia duty, be remitted.

WHEREAS, It hath been represented to Council by a considerable number of the freemen of the city and county of Philadelphia, that great abuses have taken place, and many frauds have been committed at the late general election for the said city and county.

Resolved, That General Watts, Mr. Ross and Mr. Smilie, be a committee to enquire into the truth of the said representation, and to report to Council the names of all such public officers, who shall appear to the said committee to have acted at the said election, in violation of the constitution and laws of this State.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Mifflin, Mr. Miles and Mr Read, be a committee to examine the roof and other parts of the State house, and report to Council an estimate of such repairs as are necessary.

Council took into consideration the act of the General Assembly passed the thirteenth of September last, entituled "An Act for allowing a further time to distribute the donation lands, promised to the troops of this Commonwealth; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the drawing of the lottery for, and patenting of the said lands pursuant to the said act, shall commence on the third day of November next, to be continued for one year from the thirteenth day of September last.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr Read and Mr. Potts, be appointed a committee to superintend the drawing of the said lottery, and that James Trimble be appointed Clerk to make out the patents, and make the necessary entries of such drawing.

John Miller and William Moore were offered and accepted as securities for Charles Lieper's faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff of Cumberland county, according to law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 1st, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	Samuel Edie,	
George Ross,	John Baird,	
James Read,	George Woods,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for fifty-three pounds thirteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council from the twenty-ninth day of August untill the second day of November, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

A letter from James Pettigrew, Esquire, dated the twenty-fifth of October, praying Council to accept the resignation of his office of Collector of Excise in the county of Northampton, was received; and upon consideration, it was

Resolved, To accept the said resignation.

Upon the petition of Frederick Shaffer, a prisioner in the jail of Montgomery county, and a recommendation from two of the Justices of said county in his favor, it was

Resolved, That the fine of ten pounds payable to the use of the Commonwealth which was imposed upon the petitioner by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Montgomery county, upon his being convicted of fornication and bastardy, be remitted.

Upon application of several officers of the militia regiment of Artillery in this city,

Ordered, That Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be instructed to furnish them with fifty weight of gunpowder and ten yards of flannel, to be made up into catridges, and used upon the proclamation of the President and Vice President.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 3rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
George Ross,	George Woods,	
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Frederick Watts,	Abraham Smith,	
Samuel Edie,		

Mr. McDowell, Mr. Hoge, and Nevell, a committee from the General Assembly, attending, were introduced, and they informed Council that the House of Assembly was now met, and were ready to receive any business Council might have to lay before them.

The Committee were informed that a message was preparing, and should be transmitted to the House this day, accompanied by several papers.

The following draft of a message to the General Assembly was read and approved, vizt:

A Message from the Vice President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—We have appointed Richard Butler and John Gibson, Esquires, to carry into effect, as far as circumstances will permit, the resolution of the General Assembly of the thirteenth of September last, which authorizes Council to purchase the tract of country lying between the northern boundary of this State and Lake Erie.

Such parts of the surplus donation lands as have not been surveyed should, in the opinion of Council, be freed from the appropriation. We learn that some settlements are already forming, and others are in contemplation, on those lands, which make it necessary some steps should be taken to prevent future embarrasments to Government.

The boundary lines of the State being compleated, it will be necessary to confirm them by a law.

We transmit herewith a letter from the Board of Treasury of the United States, of the nineteenth of September last, respecting pensioners, a copy of instructions given by Council to the Commissioners appointed to treat with Indians, and a letter from Captain Heart, which merits the attention of the Legislature.

DAVID REDICK, V. P.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, November 3rd, 1778.

Council proceeded to the appointment of a Collector of Excise in the county of Northampton, in the room of James Pettigrew, Esquire, resigned; and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that John Craig, Esquire, was duly elected to that office.

Mr. Craig offered Doctor Andrew Ledlie, Hugh Wilson, and his brother, William Craig, all of Northampton county, as securities for his faithful performance of the duties of the said office, and they were accepted by Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 4th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	John Baird,	
George Ross,	George Woods,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Richard William,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith,	
Frederick Watts,		

Mr. Clymer, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Lollar, Mr. Moore and Mr. Tyson, attending were introduced, and informed Council that they were a Committee from the General Assembly, appointed to confer with Council respecting the election of a President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council A Conference was accordingly held upon the time when the said election should take place, and the manner in which it should be conducted.

Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That to-morrow shall be the day, and that the usual mode of procession be adopted upon this occasion.

Upon the petition of Joseph Reid, a prisoner in the Jail of Carlisle, and a recommendation in his favor,

Ordered, That the fine payable to the use of the State, and the punishment at hard labour to which he was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Cumberland county, upon being convicted of larceny, be remitted.

A return of an election of Justices of the Peace for Belfast district, in the county of Bedford, was received and read, but not being accompanied by the list of voters names, it was

Ordered, That the said return be sent back to the Clerk of the peace of said county, in order that the said list may be annexed thereto, and the same returned to Council as soon as may be.

A return of Justices of the Peace for Hopewell district in said county, was also received and read, and

Ordered, To be sent back to the Clerk of the Peace, as being informal and the list of voters wanting.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 5th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable DAVID REDICK, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Frederick Watts,	Esquires.
Thomas Mifflin,	George Woods,	
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	
George Ross,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Read,	Abraham Smith, and	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison,	

A return of the General Election held in the county of Fayette, was received and read, and Joseph Terrance, thereupon appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Henry Beeson, Coroner of the said county.

Ephraim Douglass, Esquire, and James Paul, of the said county, were offered and accepted as securities for the said Sheriff's faithfull performance of the duties of his office according to law.

Mr. Broadhead and Mr. McLene, a Committee from the General Assembly, attended and informed Council that the House was now ready to receive Council agreeably to the order of yesterday, and to proceed with them to the intended election.

Council and Assembly having met in the Assembly room, and their votes collectively being taken, it appeared that his Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, was duly elected President, and the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council, after which Council proceeded with the Assembly to the Court House steps, where proclamation of the said elections was duly made, and the following order of procession observed:

Constables with their Staves.
Sub-Sheriffs with their Wands.
High Sheriff and Coroner with their Wands.
Judges of the Supreme Court and Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.
Attorney General and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.
Marshall of the Admiralty.
Judge and Register of the Admiralty.
Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia.

Naval Officer, Collector of the Customs and Tonnage Officer.
Treasurer and Comptroller General.
Secretary of the Land Office.
Receiver General and Surveyor General.
Justices of the Peace.
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas and Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions.
Clerk of the City Court.
Master of the Rolls and Register of Wills.
Register of German Passengers and Collector of Excise in the city and county.
Assistant Secretary of the Council.
Secretary of the Council.
His Excellency the President, and Honorable the Vice President.
Members of the Council, two and two.
Door-keeper of the Council.
Sergeant-at-Arms with the Mace.
Clerks of the General Assembly.
Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.
Members of the General Assembly, two and two.
Door-keeper of the General Assembly.
Provost and Faculty of the University.
Officers of the Militia.
Citizens.

Council returned to their Chamber, and His Excellency the President and The Honorable the Vice President took the oaths required by the Constitution, as a qualification for the exercise of their respective offices.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Samuel Edmiston, for seventy-five pounds six shillings and six pence, amount of his account for the surveying fees of the ten thousand acres of land for the Episcopal Academy of the city of Philadelphia, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, and an Act of Assembly, dated the twenty-ninth day of March, 1787.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 6th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison, &	
Frederick Watts,	Zebulun Potts,	
George Woods,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer, in favor of the Honorable John Smilie, Esquires, for fifty-seven pounds, amount of his account for his attendance in Council until this day inclusively, and his mileage.

The rules and regulations entered upon the minutes of Council of the thirtieth day of November, 1787, were now read and upon motion was

Resolved, That Mr. Miles and Mr. Smith be a committee to examine the said rules and regulations and report to Council whether any alteration of the same or addition thereto is necessary.

Upon consideration of the petition and recommendation in favor of Oliver Paul of the county of Franklin,

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds, payable to the use of the Commonwealth, which was imposed upon him by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the said county, upon his being convicted of fornication and bastardy, be remitted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Redick, Mr. Woods and Mr. Willing be a committee to prepare and report to Council a draft of a Message to the General Assembly, containing such further business as is necessary to lay before the House at the present session.

The petition of Rachel Gibbs of Franklin county, praying Council to remit her husbands forfeited recognizance of one hundred pounds, entered into by him for the appearance of Hugh Furfey, who was charged with perjury and absconded, was read and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 7th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	David Redick,	
James Read,	John Smilie,	
Samuel Edie,	Abraham Smith,	
Zebulon Potts,	Nathan Dennison,	
Frederick Watts,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for fourteen pounds five shillings, being the amount of his account for attendance in Council from the seventeenth of October until the fourth instant, inclusively.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds ten shillings, being in full for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council for the month of October, 1788.

Two certificates of the division of Bethlehem and Amwell townships, in Washington county, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said county, for the more convenient election's of Jus- of the Peace, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the thirty-first of March, 1784, were received and read.

Returns of elections of Justices of the Peace lately held in the several districts of Nottingham, Hopewell and Finley, together with a petition against the latter, were also received and read.

Upon consideration of the petition of Amos Walton, and a recommendation from a considerable number of the inhabitants of Bucks county, it was

Ordered, That the fine of five pounds adjudged to be paid to the use of the Commonwealth, and the imprisonment to which he was sentenced by the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in Bucks county, upon being convicted of perjury, be remitted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Read, Mr. Woods and Mr. Gregg, be a committee to consider of the most proper measures for giving effect to the act of Assembly passed the twenty-fifth of September, 1786, intituled "An Act for the prevention of vice and immorality and of unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sport and dissipation," so far as the same law prohibits the erecting theatres and exhibiting of plays.

Joseph Hubley and Alexander Graydon, Esquires, appointed by Council to investigate the Complaint against Lazarus Brown McLene, Esquire, Prothonotary of Huntingdon county, for misconduct in his office, now made report of the testimony taken by them, which was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Amos Gregg,	John Smilie,	
James Read,	Abraham Smith, and	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison,	
Zebulun Potts,		

Council being informed that the streets of the city of Philadelphia and the roads in the vicinity thereof, have been and are still infested with disorderly and wicked persons, who commit robberies and other outrages on the persons and property of the inhabitants; and a number of well disposed citizens, part of the militia in and near the city, having voluntarily offered to form themselves into patroles for the purpose of apprehending and bringing before a magistrate or magistrates all suspicious persons who are found lurking in secret or suspected places in the said city, or the country adjacent thereto, or in or near the said roads or streets, at improper seasons, or upon unlawful occasions, and all offenders who have fled from justice or are in the commission of robberies or other violent and disorderly breaches of the peace.

Resolved, That Council highly approve the virtuous and spirited intention of the said worthy and well disposed citizens, manifested in such their association to assist in preserving the peace and good order of the said city and its vicinity, and will support the said citizens in all legal measures relating to the premises.

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and requested to make such arrangements for carrying into effect the laudable intentions of the said citizens, as are necessary to facilitate the accomplishment of their views and consistent with the laws of the State.

A return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners held in the county of Franklin, was received and read, and John Johnston thereupon appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and George Clark Coroner of the said county.

The return of an election of Justices of the Peace for the district of Finley township, in Washington county, which was read yesterday, was read the second time, together with a petition from several freeholders, resident in said district, complaining of illegal proceedings at said election; whereupon it was

Ordered, That John Hoge, Thomas Scott and William McFarlen, Esquires, Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Washington, living near the said district, be authorized and directed to investigate the facts stated in the said petition, upon the oaths of such witnesses as may be adduced, and make report thereof to this Board in manner and form prescribed in and by an act of Assembly intituled "An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State," &c., passed the thirty-first day of March, 1784.

John Reed and Hugh Scott, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Washington; the former for the district of the township of Cecil, and the latter for the district of the township of Nottingham, upon returns made according to law from the said several districts.

Ludwig Stehler, Esquire, was also appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Northampton, upon a return made according to law, from the district of the township of Upper Milford.

The committee appointed to consider of the most proper measures for giving effect to the act of Assembly of the twenty fifth of September, 1786, for the prevention of vice and immorality and of unlawful gaming and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation, so far as respects theatrical exhibitions, now made report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 10th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
Samuel Edie,	John Smilie,	
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Read,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Frederick Watt, Esquire, for sixty-nine pounds one shilling,

in full for his attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

William Smiley, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Washington, upon a return made according to law for the district of the township of Hopewell.

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee respecting the measures proper to be taken for effectually preventing theatrical exhibitions, it was

Ordered, That the said report be recommitted, and that Colonel Miles and Mr. Smilie, be added to the committee upon this business.

The committee appointed on the sixth instant to consider what further business is necessary to lay before the House of Assembly, reported a draft of a message, which was read, and some general propositions being agreed to, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Woods, Colonel Smith and Mr. Smilie, be a committee to consider how far the several militia laws provide for the payment of pensions to the widows and children of deceased militia men.

The committee to whom were referred the rules and regulations of this Board, entered upon the minutes of Council of the thirtieth of November, 1787, now reported a sett of rules and regulations, which were read, and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 11th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watts,	George Woods,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
John Baird,	Abraham Smith,	
David Redick,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Baird, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, in full for his attendance until this day.

The report of the Committee upon the rules and regulations necessary for conducting the business of the Board, was read the second time and adopted as follows, vizt:

The committee appointed to report a sett of rules and regulations for the government of the Board, offer the following:

1st. When the President or Vice President assumes the chair the Members shall take their seats.

2nd. The minutes of the preceding day shall be read by the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary, before the Council proceed to any other business; errors and inaccuracies may be corrected, but no debate shall be admitted or question taken respecting the determination of the former day.

3rd. The Members shall forbear talking to each other when a question is before the Board, and shall keep silence except when they have occasion to speak in order.

4th. On all questions a majority of votes shall decide, and when the votes of the Members are equal in number, the President or Vice President who fills the chair at the time, shall have the casting voice, except when the votes are taken by ballot.

5th. Any member presenting a petition, memmorial, or other paper, shall first mention the general import of the same.

6th. Every motion made and seconded shall be reduced to writing, if requested by the President or Vice President in the Chair, or by any two Members.

7th. All petitions, memorials, or other papers, shall be subject to no other question on the first reading save that of their lying on table, but may be taken up by special orders in cases of emergency.

8th. Any member presenting any paper or offering any motion, to have the liberty of withdrawing the same at pleasure.

9th. If business of different kinds shall be called for by different Members at the same time, the President or Vice President who fills the Chair shall judge and give preference accordingly, but an appeal may be made to the Board, in which case their decision shall be had without debate.

10th. In all debates the Members shall address the Chair and conduct themselves with decency; and no Member shall be interrupted while speaking, nor shall he speak more than twice to the same subject until every Member who wishes to deliver his sentiments has had an opportunity of so doing.

11th. No Member shall absent himself from the Board after his name has been taken down by the Secretary, without leave.

12th. On a motion made and seconded to adjourn, the question shall be taken without debate, but previous to putting the question the President or Vice President who may be in the Chair, may call for such patents, orders, or other papers, which are of course to be signed.

The President or Vice President who shall fill the Chair for the time being, shall be judge of all questions of order, and may call the transgressing Members to order as often as they infringe the aforesaid rules, but any Member may be allowed to explan himself, and on being seconded shall be entitled to the decision of Council.

James Johnston, Thomas Campbell, and John Boggs, Esquires, of Franklin county, were now offered and accepted by Council as securities for the Sheriff of that county.

The committee appointed to consider of the measures proper to be taken for effectually preventing theatrical exhibitions, made a second report, which was read the first time, and upon second reading, by special order, the further consideration thereof postponed.

Upon the second reading of a memorial from Christian Febriger, relative to Footman and Chaloner's vendue, in Passyunk township,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 12th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Smilie,	Esquires.
Samuel Edie,	David Redick,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Abraham Smith,	George Woods,	
John Baird,		

Agreably to the minute of this Board of the fourteenth of November, 1787, which declares that the Secretary of Council shall be appointed annually on the eighth day after the election of President and Vice President, the Board proceeded to the election of that officer; and upon motion, Charles Biddle, Esquire, was unanimously re-appointed.

Council then unanimously recommended it to the Secretary to employ James Trimble as Assistant Secretary.

A draft of a message being preprared, was presented to Council, and read as follows, vizt:

A Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN:—We are happy in the belief that the affairs of the State and the prospects of the Union, affords just foundation to address the Legislature in terms of congratulation. The principal difficulties which obstructed the adoption of the Federal Constitution, have been happily overcome—the prejudice and suspicion that are awakened by the appearance of that system, have been

gradually lulled, and we can no longer doubt that all those States which have been successfully allied to obtain the independance of America, will again be united in that best means of giving strength, dignity, and stability to the national character.

Nor can it be deemed visionary or unreasonable to ascribe to the influence of the new government the liberal attention and encouragement which of late have been bestowed upon domestic arts and manufactures, the spirit of industry and economy that has spread itself through every order of society, and the perfect amity which subsists at this period amongst the inhabitants of the several States.

From the same source that has thus revived the hope of internal order and happiness, we cannot fail to derive the respect and confidence of foreign nations. For in the great intercourse of independant countries, the proper title to reciprocal advantage, is the power each enjoys of protecting its own commerce, and the disposition which each evinces to maintain its own credit. Experience has demonstrated the inconveniences of a government in which that power does not reside, and has taught us to believe that a more happy effect will naturally flow from a government differently constituted, and while the sovereignties of Europe are suffering all the calamities of an extensive war, it must yield a laudable satisfaction to every patriotic mind that we enjoy the profitable opportunity of improving the great advantages that lie before us.

Impressed with these sentimnts, we are ready to declare that in every act that can promote the welfare of the Union, or the interests of this State, we shall, in the manner most beneficial to the public, most cheerfully exercise that jurisdiction which the Constitution has confided to us, and as we shall be solicitous on every occasion to concur in the designs, and to advance the intentions of the Legislature. We trust that the harmony of our proceedings will produce an additional confidence in our constituents, and a proper energy to the administration of the public affairs.

Gentlemen:—It may be necessary to make provision by law for the appointment of persons to discharge the duties of Sheriff, in cases of contested elections, in which it may not be expedient for the Executive immediately to decide, and in which the former Sheriff, who have been in office three years, cannot constitutionally act.

The tax laws should, in our opinion, be revised. The assessments of the public taxes are in many instances unequal, and their collection generallly expensive, uncertain, and dilatory.

The following reservations should, in the opinion of Council, be made for the Commonwealth, vizt:

First. Presque Isle, formed by Lake Erie. Second. Le Beuf, at the head of the navigation of French creek; and Third. The lands adjacent to the mouth of Conewango, in the county of Allegany.

The Commissioners appointed by virtue of the act intituled "An Act to appropriate the sum of two thousand pounds of the public monies to the laying out and making of an highway from the western parts of Cumberland county to the town of Pittsburgh, and to authorize the President in Council to appoint Commissioners to lay out of the same, have laid out the said road, which road we have confirmed as far as the town of Bedford. We think a review of that part which lies westward of the town of Bedford absolutely necessary, but as the money appropriated for the laying out and compleating the said road is nearly expended, we cannot proceed in the review without further directions and aid of the Legislature.

We suggest to the Legislature the propriety of directing engravings of the boundary lines of the State, and the publication of the reports of the several Commissioners who compleated those lines.

We have not observed in the printed Journals of the late House that any order hath been taken on the recommendation of Congress with respect to convicts imported into the States from British dominions, which recommendation was laid before that House by Council.

We transmit herewith two letters from the Secretary of Congress, of the twenty-eighth of July, 1785, and twenty-second of October, 1788, in which Council are requested to supply him with thirteen copies of the laws of the Commonwealth. This cannot be done, unless a number are printed for the purpose. We also transmit a letter from the same, dated the seventh of November, 1788, inclosing Journals of Congress from the twentieth of August to the end of the Fœderal year. A letter from the Delegates of this State in the Congress of the United States, on the subject of a resolution of the fourth of October last, also accompanies this message.

Colonel Febiger's representation on some attempts to avoid payments of duties on merchandize sold by auction, is submitted to the General Assembly.

THOMAS MIFFLIN, President.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, November 12th, 1788.

And on question to agree to the same, Council were divided upon the introductory part, and the yeas and nays being required, were as follows, vizt:

YEAS:	YEAS:	NAYS:
The President,	Mr. Miles,	Mr. Smilie,
The Vice President,	Mr. Woods,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Potts,	Mr. Edie,	Mr. Baird.
Mr. Dennison,	Mr. Watts,	
	Mr. Redick.	

So it was passed in the affirmative, and the message was adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sixteenth section of the act of General Assembly, intituled "An Act for the prevention of vice and immo-

rality, and of unlawful gaming, and to restrain disorderly sports and dissipation," which section prohibits the acting, shewing, or exhibiting any play, or any part of a play, or the selling any ticket or tickets for that purpose, be forthwith published in the several newspapers of the city.

Resolved, That the Judges, Justices, and other civil officers, whose duty it is to inforce obedience to the laws, be and they are hereby strictly enjoined and required to exert themselves in giving full force and effect to the above recited law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 13th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,
James Read,	John Smilie,
George Woods,	David Redick,
Frederick Watt,	Zebulun Potts, and
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison.
Samuel Edie,	

A letter from Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, containing his resignation of the offices of Prothonotary of the county of Philadelphia, was read, and on consideration, it was resolved to accept the said resignation.

Whereupon, the Board proceeded to fill up the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation, and the ballots being taken for several gentlemen named as candidates, it appeared that James Biddle, Esquire, had a majority of votes, and was duly elected Prothonotary of the county of Philadelphia. He was commissioned accordingly.

Council r sumed the consideration of the accounts of Stephen Balliet, Esq'r, and Major William Armstrong, for their services and expences as Commissioners at Wioming, under resolution of Assembly of the twenty-fourth of March last; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Comptroller General to report to Council specially thereon.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Miles, Doctor Gregg, Mr. Smith, Mr. Redick, and Mr. Potts, be a committee to make the inquiries required by the resolution of this Board of the fourteenth of November, 1787, and to report to Council.

Resolved, That this resolution be published, together with that part of the resolution of the fourteenth of November, 1787, herein referred to.

It was moved by Mr. Redick, seconded by Mr. Watt, to reconsider that part of the introduction to the message of yesterday which contains this sentence, "The prejudice and suspicion that were awakened by the appearance of that system, have been gradually lulled." And on the question to agree to reconsider the said sentence, the yeas and nays were required, and were as follows, vizt:

YEAS:	NAYS:	NAYS:
Mr. Smilie,	The President,	Mr. Potts,
Mr. Redick,	The Vice President,	Mr. Woods,
Mr. Watts,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Gregg, and
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Miles,	Mr. Edie.
Mr. Dennison.		

So it was determined in the negative, and the sentence was not reconsidered.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 14th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Smilie,	
George Woods,	David Redick,	
Frederick Watts,	Zebulun Potts,	
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith, and	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of his Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, for three hundred and seventy-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as President of the State, for which sums he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable John Smilie, Esquire, for six pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the seventh until the fourteenth of November, 1788, inclusive.

Charles Biddle, Esquire, and Doctor James Hutchinson, were offered and accepted as securities for James Biddle's Esquire's faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Prothonotary of the county of Philadelphia, according to law.

Upon consideration of the resolution of the General Assembly dated yesterday, relative to returns from the Lieutenants of the several counties, of persons subject of militia duty, and of those who actually attended muster in the years 1785, 1786, and 1787,

Resolved, That Mr. Miles, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Woods, be a committee to confer with a committee of the General Assembly, upon the subject of the said resolution.

A letter from Sharp Delany, Esquire, inclosing an account against the State for the rent of an office for the Collector of Tonnage and Wardens of the Port, agreeably to the nineteenth section of an act of Assembly passed the second of April, 1785, was read and referred to the Comptroller General, to report thereon to Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That the letter from Colonel Isaac Melcher, together with a map of the northern parts of this State, through which the new roads to Tioga is laid out, accompanying the said letter, be referred to Mr. Edie, Mr. Redick, and Mr. Dennison.

Upon the second reading of the representation of the Board of Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, relative to the expiration of certificates granted to pilots, and which have not been renewed within one month after the passing of the act of Assembly to establish a Board of Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed the fourth of October last.

Ordered, That the said representation be transmitted to the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Edie,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
George Woods,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
Frederick Watts,	Richard Willing,	
David Redick,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of William Coxe, Esquire, of Bristol, for the sum of forty-four pounds seventeen shillings, in full for principal and interest due upon his certificate for a horse furnished by him in the year 1780, to this State, for the use of the United States.

In favor of Joseph Dolby, for six pounds, for ringing the bells upon the election and proclamation of a President and Vice President of Council.

In favor of Robert Smith, for six pounds three shillings and two pence; of William Lane, for eighteen shillings, and of John Claypoole, for two pounds seven shillings and eleven pence, in full of their several accounts for covering with green cloth a large ovel table belonging to Council, and for repairing and hanging a Venetian blind, including all materials.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Richard Willing,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	
James Read,	David Redick, and	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison,	
Frederick Watts,		

Proposals in writing, from Richard Butler, William Butler, James Robinson, and Daniel Elliott, for the purchase of several lots in the reserved tract of land opposite to Pittsburgh, were read, and the further consideration thereof postponed until after the other lots in said tract are exposed to sale on the nineteenth of this month, according to publication, and it was

Resolved, That the lots applied for by the above-named persons, be reserved.

On motion,

Resolved, That the island in the river Alleghany called Wilson's Island, containing thirty-three acres and three quarters and thirty-seven perches, occupied by William Wilson, be valued at ten shillings per acre, in gold or silver money, and Shirties or Hamilton's Island, in the river Ohio, occupied by John Hamilton, containing one hundred and thirty-six acres and twenty-one perches, at twenty shillings per acre, in like money, and that the right of pre-emption be given to the said William Wilson and John Hamilton for the islands they respectively occupy: Provided, application and compliance with the above terms be made by the said William Wilson and John Hamilton, within six months from and after this date.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith,	
James Read,	David Redick, and	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison,	
Frederick Watt,		

A letter from Lazarus Brown McLene, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Huntington, in answer to the charges exhibited against him for misconduct in his office, was received and read, and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the complaint against the said Lazarus Brown McLene, Esquire, and of the report of Alexander Graydon and Joseph Hubley, Esquires, made pursuant to order of Council of the twenty-second of September last on that subject, be postponed.

Mr. Piper, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Irvin, a committee of the General Assembly on part of the message from Council, relative to a review of that part of the western road from Bedford to Fort Pitt, attended and requested a conference concerning the said review, and the expence that will attend it; whereupon it was

Resolved, That Mr. Edie, Mr Woods and Mr. Redick be a committee of this Board to confer with the said committee of Assembly, upon the said business.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee appointed to make the inquiries required by the resolution of Council of the fourteenth of November, 1787, be authorized to call upon the Comptroller General for returns of the names of those public officer's, whose appointments are in the power of Council, and who have not complyed with the directions of the law relative to the settlement of their accounts

Colonel Miles and Richard Willing were appointed to fill up the committee, upon the business respecting the Gunpowder magazine, in the room of Mr. Maclay and Colonel Hill.

At the request of the chairman of the committee of Assembly upon claims,

Ordered, That Mr. Gregg, Mr. Read and Mr. Smith be a committee of Council to meet the said committee of Assembly in conference.

It was moved by Colonel Miles, seconded by the Vice President "to postpone the sale of the lots in the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh, if it shall appear that the same will not sell at or near their value." On consideration, the same was referred to the Vice President, Mr. Woods and Mr. Redick, who were requested to report in the afternoon, specially on the subject.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
James Read,	David Redick and	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison,	
Frederick Watt,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Ross, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary as Vice President of the State, for which sum he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President,

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	Abraham Smith and	
Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,	
George Woods,		

The return of the General election of Sheriffs and Coroners held in the county of Bedford, was read and Arthur McGaughey, Esquire, thereupon appointed and commissionated Sheriff and Thomas McGaughey, Coroner of the said county, Samuel Davidson and George

Funk were offered and accepted as sureties for the said Sheriff's faithful performance of the duties of his office, according to law.

On motion,

Resolved, That agreeably to a supplement to the act of Assembly, intituled an act to alter and amend an act intituled an act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &ca., passed the twenty-seventh day of February last, the inhabitants of the district of Pittsburgh in the county of Allegany, are entitled to and shall be allowed a third Justice of the Peace upon an election of such Justice within the said district, by the freeholders thereof, being held and return made to Council according to law.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for the consideration of the complaint against Lazarus Brown McLene, Esquire, and his memorial in answer thereto.

The Board resumed the consideration of the clause intended to be inserted in the last message from Council to the General Assembly, relative to the Comptroller General's powers; and on motion it was

Resolved, That the Vice President, Mr. Woods and Mr. Read be a committee to enquire and to report if any and what powers are invested in the Comptroller General, which in their opinion are incompatible with the principles of the constitution.

The committee to whom was referred the motion of Colonel Miles relative to the sale of lots in the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh, reported a valuation of parts of the said tract; whereupon it was

Resolved, That a letter of instructions containing the said valuation be written to Colonel Francis Johnston, Receiver General of the Land office in the following words, viz:

In Council, Philadelphia, November 19th, 1788.

Sir:—Council are of opinion that the River lots opposite Pittsburgh and contained in the reserved tract are worth, generally thirty shillings, specie (or an equivalent in certificates,) per acre.

That the Town lots on an average are worth forty shillings, specie or an equivalent in certificates.

That the second, third, fourth and fifth farms are worth seven shillings and six pence per acre in certificates.

That the first farm beginning at No. 210, is worth twenty shillings specie per acre, or an equivalent in certificates.

That farm number 6, is worth fifteen shillings specie or an equivalent in certificates per acre.

That the lots number 242 to 271 inclusive, and contained in a square, are worth twenty shillings specie or an equivalent in certificates per acre.

The lots number 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, and 186 have not been valued.

It is the direction of Council that you proceed in the sale of the lots according to the advertisement, and have them struck off to the highest bidder, provided they will bring the prices above mentioned or nearly so, but not otherwise.

The lots which have not been valued you will have struck off to the highest bidders.

You will reserve lots number 33, 34 and 35, applied for and now occupied by Colonel William Butler, lots number 36, 37 and thirty-eight, applied for and now occupied by James Robinson, and lots number 23, 24 and 272 applied for, and now occupied by Daniel Elliott.

The exchange between specie and certificates you will estimate as one to four.

I am sir, with great respect,

Your obedient and very humble servant,

GEORGE ROSS, V. President.

Colonel FRANCIS JOHNSTON, Receiver General of the Land office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 20th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Frederick Watt,	Abraham Smith,	
George Woods,		

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Miles, Colonel Willing and Mr. Potts, be a Committee to enquire and to report in what manner the business of the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia is conducted, that the endeavour to obtain information relative to the cloathing, diet, lodging and treatment of the prisoners, and to ascertain if possible the quantity of spirituous liquor annually used by them, and the means by which they are supplied with it.

WHEREAS, Council have been informed by the Attorney General that the Proclamation offering a reward for apprehending and secur-

ing the persons who seized and carried off Timothy Pickering, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Luzerne, is no longer necessary.

Resolved, That the Proclamation of Council of the eighth day of July last, offering a reward for apprehending John Hyde, Daniel Earl, Benjamin Earl, ——— Cady, Wilkes Jenkins, Joseph Dudley, Gideon Dudley, David Woodward, John Whitcomb, Timothy Killburn, and Thomas Kinney, be and the same is hereby annulled and made void.

Resolved, That the letter which was received yesterday from the Attorney General relative to public affairs in Luzerne county since the meeting of the Supreme Court in that county, be transmitted to the Legislature.

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Miles, Mr. Dennison, Mr. Woods and Mr. Smith, be a Committee to take into consideration the law passed in the present sessions of Assembly, by which the collection of militia fines, is postponed until the first day of September next, and to report the best mode of relieving the widows and children of militia men who may be affected by the said law.

On motion,

Resolved, That the complaint against Lazarus Brown McLene, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Huntington, for misconduct in his office, the report of Alexander Graydon and Joseph Hubley, Esquires, thereon, and the depositions sent with their report, and the memorial of the said Prothonotary in answer to the said complaint, be referred to the Committee appointed the thirteenth instant, to make the inquiries required by the resolution of the fourteenth of November, 1787, and that the said Committee receive from Mr. McLene such testimony as he may think proper to adduce.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 21st, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	
James Read,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	David Redick, and	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison,	
Frederick Watt,		

Agreeably to the Act of General Assembly passed the fourth of October last, intituled an "Act to grant the sum of one hundred

and eighty-seven pounds ten shillings, to Captain William Ross, in consideration of his services to this Commonwealth, two orders were drawn in his favor upon the Treasurer, the one for one hundred and thirty-one pounds five shillings, and the other for fifty-six pounds five shillings, making in the whole the sum granted as aforesaid.

Council resumed the consideration of the return of Justices for the district of Pitt, in the county of Allegany; and thereupon, John Johnston and Abraham Kirkpatrick, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Allegany.

On motion, it was,

Resolved, That Richard Butler and William Tilton be appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Common pleas of the said connty of Allegany.

Upon a letter received from Thomas Fitzimmons, Esquire, inclosing a resolution of the General Assembly of the eighteenth of this month, appointing a committee to confer with Council upon the subject of militia fines,

Resolved, That Mr. Miles, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Cannon, be appointed a committee to meet the said committee of Assembly in conference upon the said subject.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Woods, Mr. Redick, and Mr. Dennison, be a committee to consider of and report names proper to be annexed to the several streets, lanes, and alleys in the new town opposite Pittsburgh.

Colonel Johnston informed the Board that he had, in obedience to their orders, purchased in three lots, which did not amount to the prices fixed by the Board; whereupon, it was determined to take off the restriction on the sale, from every part except the river lots, leaving it to Colonel Johnston's discretion to proceed in the sale or otherwise, as he may think most proper.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 22nd, 1788

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Amos Gregg,	John Baird, and	
Samuel Edie,	David Redick,	
Frederick Watt,		

Upon consideration of a letter which Council received this morning from General Richard Butler and John Gibson, Esquires, dated

November the third, 1788, inclosing a list of goods to be purchased for the Indians,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the General Assembly, together with the following letter, vizt:

In Council, Philadelphia November 22nd, 1788.

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit to you a letter which Council received this morning, dated Fort Harmar, November the third, 1788, from John Gibson and Richard Butler, Esquires, commissioners for purchasing of the Indians the tract of country lying on Lake Erie, and lately ceded to this State by the United States, together with a list of goods immediately wanted for that purpose.

Council wish to be informed if any fund hath been provided by the Legislature for the payment of such orders as they may think proper to draw on the State Treasurer for the purpose of making the purchase from the Indians, of the tract above mentioned, and in conformity with the resolve of the General Assembly of the thirteenth of September, 1788.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Sir,
Your most obedient and very humble servant,
THOMAS MIFFLIN, President.

Honorable Richard Peters, Esquire.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Major William Armstrong, for his expences and services as an assistant to the commissioners appointed to run and mark the northern boundary of this State, by which it appears that a ballance of one hundred and fifty-five pounds eighteen shillings is due to said Armstrong, was read and referred to Mr. Cannon, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Edie, to examine the said account, and report to Council, thereon.

A return of an election of Justices held in and for the district of Kingston, in the county of Luzerne, was laid before Council and read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary transmit the same to the Clerk of the Peace, as informal, in order to be amended or otherwise disposed of, as the freeholders of the said district may think most proper.

James Hockley, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace and of the Court of Common pleas in and for the county of Montgomery, upon a return made according to law for the district of Pottstown, in the south-west corner of said county.

On motion,

Resolved, That Samuel Davidson and Thomas Crossan, Esquires, of the county of Bedford, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common pleas in and for the said county.

Upon the second reading of the petition of James Quigley, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a recognizance entered

into by him for the appearance of a certain Mary McDonald, who was charged with receiving stolen goods knowing them to be such, and absconded,

An order was taken that the prayer of his petition be granted.

A petition from Nathan Field, praying Council to direct the Collector of the Customs to receive his entry of certain goods lately shipped to Virginia, upon his now producing the necessary certificates of their entry at the place of their destination, to entitle him to the drawback, was read and referred to Mr. Read, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Miles, to report thereon.

On motion,

Resolved, That such part of Colonel Pickering's letter of the fifteenth of this month as relates to the payment of rewards to sundry persons who apprehended some persons concerned in the late riots in Luzerne county, be referred to General Watts, Mr. Dennison, and Mr. Potts, to report thereon.

On motion,

Resolved, That Noah Murray, of the county of Luzerne, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common-pleas, in for the county aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 24th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	
James Read,	John Baird,	
Samuel Edie,	David Redick, and	} Esquires.
Frederick Watts,	Amos Gregg,	
George Woods,		

Agreeably to the act of Assembly passed the fourth day of October last, Mrs. Sarah Caldwell offered to Council Mr. Andrew Caldwell, and Mr. John Mitchell, as her securities to indemnify the State against the certificates mentioned in the said act to be lost, and they were accepted,

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand four hundred pounds be inserted in the bond to be signed by the said gentlemen.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Woods, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Redick, be a committee to value, in the reserved tract, the lots occupied by Colonel Butler, James Robinson, and Daniel Elliott, and report the same to Council.

The motion of Mr. Redick, for the sale of the estate forfeited by the attainder of Anthony Yeldall, was referred to Mr. Cannon and General Watt.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 25th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
Richard Willing,	David Redick,	
James Read,	Frederick Watts,	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
George Woods,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable David Redick, Esquire, for seventy-two pounds seven shillings and four pence, in full of his account for his salary as Vice President, from the fourteenth of October until the fourth of November, 1788, and for his pay as Counciller until this day, including his mileage and cash paid for postage of letters on public business.

In favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennisen, Esquire, for twenty-five pounds five shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council until this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

On motion,

Resolved, That James Biddle, Esquire, be appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Philadelphia.

Council agreed to re-consider their resolution of the twenty-first instant, by which John Johnston and Abraham Kirkpatrick, Esquires, are appointed Justices of the Peace for the district of Pitt, in the county of Allegany; and on re-consideration, it was

Resolved, To rescind the said resolution so far as respects the said appointments of Justices of the Peace.

John Wilkins and John Johnston, Esquires, were thereupon appointed Justices of the Peace for the district of Pitt, in the county of Allegany, and the said John Wilkins was appointed a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county, commissions were issued accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith, Mr. Edie, and Doctor Gregg, be a committee to inquire into the state of the fund appropriated by act of Assembly for purchasing the Lake Erie lands from the Indians who may have just claims thereto, and that they report the name of a proper person to purchase the goods wanted for the Indians.

The Council met at the President's house.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 26th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, Abraham Smith,
Nathan Dennison, John Baird,
Zebulun Potts, George Woods, and } Esquires.
Frederick Watt, Samuel Edie,
David Redick,

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 27th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles, Samuel Edie,
Zebulun Potts, John Baird,
Frederick Watts, Nathan Dennisen, and } Esq'rs.
George Woods, Richard Willing,
Abraham Smith,

Upon the petition of Samuel Hulings, of the county of Allegany, praying for the right of pre-emption of an island in the river Allegany, about fifteen miles from Pittsburgh, containing about forty acres;

Resolved, That the said right of pre emption be granted to the petitioner, and that it be referred to Mr. Cannon, and Mr. Baird, to ascertain and report its value.

The petition of William Alexander, relative to his purchase of lot No. 6, in the reserved tract opposite to Pittsburgh, (which lot, upon inspection of the original survey in April, 1785, made by Alexander McLene, appears not to extend over Girty's run,) was refefred to the same committee.

A petition from a number of purchasers of lots in the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh, praying that several purchases may be included in one patent, and that the fees of office may be as low as possible, and receivable in paper money of the last emission, was referred to Mr Woods, and Mr. Smith.

Upon the report of the said committee an order was taken that the prayer of the said petition be granted, the purchasers paying for each recital agreeably to the terms of the Land Office.

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Francis Johnston and James Trimble, prepare the conveyances to the purchasers of lots within the said reserved tract agreeably to the said resolution.

The committee appointed to enquire into the state of the fund appropriated by act of Assembly, for purchasing from the Indians the Lake Erie lands, lately ceded to this State by the United States, and to report a suitable person to procure the goods necessary to make the said purchase, delivered in a report, which was read, and on motion, and by special order the same was read the second time and adopted, as follows, vizt:

Your committee appointed to enquire into the state of the fund arising from the additional duties, and to report a suitable person to purchase the Indian goods wanted by the Commissioners, report: That the Collector of the Customs has assured your committee that there will be a sufficient sum for the purpose of purchasing the goods referred to, of the proper fund in the treasury, by the first of January next. The committee recommend Wistar and Aston as suitable persons to procure the goods wanted, who will purchase what they cannot furnish out of their own store, without charging commissions. Your committee would observe, that from the enquiry they have made there is reason to believe that neither Strouds nor Match coats can be procured in this city, and would therefore submit to Council whether it would not be requisite to substitute blue cloth with white edging, if such can be got, and Indian blankets, in the place of Strouds and Match coats.

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Francis Johnston, be requested to superintend the purchase and choice of the goods aforesaid.

Upon motion,

Resolved, That agreeably to the supplement to the act of Assembly entituled "An Act to amend an act entituled An Act to remedy the defects of the several acts of Assembly heretofore made for regulating the elections of Justices of the Peace throughout this State, &ca" passed the twenty-seventh of February last, the inhabitants of the district of Norris-town, in the county of Montgomery, are intitled to and shall be allowed a third Justice of the Peace, upon an election of such Justice within the said district by the freeholders thereof being held, and a return made according to law.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee appointed to value the lots in the reserved tract opposite Pittsburg, occupied by James Robinson,

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and twenty-four pounds two shillings in certificates be paid by the said James Robinson for the lots number 36, 37 and 38, containing in the whole eighteen acres, including the town lots.

Upon the second reading of the petition from a number of the freeholders of the district of Germany and Mountjoy townships against the late election of Justices in that district, and the report thereon,

Resolved, That the same be referred to Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith and Colonel Woods, to examine and report specially thereon.

The petitions of Stephen Jenkins and others, praying remission of the fines which have been imposed on them by the Supreme Court held in Luzerne county, upon being convicted of a riot, in carrying off Timothy Pickering, Esquire, were read the second time, and referred to Mr. Edie, Mr. Potts and Mr. Dennison, with instructions to consult the Chief Justice on the subject.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 28th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esq's.
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	Abraham Smith, and	
George Woods,	Nathan Dennison,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of James Elliott for the sum of seven pounds eleven shilling, in full of his account for boarding of John Franklin, from the eleventh of September until the time of his removal from the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia to that of the county of Luzerne, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon consideration of the petitions of Nicholas Seitzinger and Andrew Fox, of the borough of Reading, and a recommendation from the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Berks,

Ordered, That the fines imposed upon the petitioners by the said Court, upon their being severally convicted of assault and battery, be remitted.

Upon the report of the committee to whom it was referred to consider of a proper name for the new town within the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburg, and also names for the streets, lanes and alleys therein.

Resolved, That the said town be called Alleghany; that the street marked in the general draft or platt of said town:

No. 1 be called Federal street,
2 Ohio street,
3 Sandusky street,
And No. 4 Beaver street.

That the alleys marked as aforesaid :

No. 1	be called	Water Alley,
2		Gay Alley,
3		Strawberry Alley,
4		North Alley,
5		Middle Alley, and
No. 6		Pitt Alley.

That the lane leading from Elliott's Ferry be called Ferry Lane; and that laid out along the bank of the river Alleghany, be called Bank Lane.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for the further consideration of the case of Jacob Dryer.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	Abraham Smith,	
George Woods,	Nathan Dennison.	

The case of Jacob Dryer was referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Woods and Mr. Read who were instructed to consult the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General on the subject and report to Council thereon,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to furnish the said committee with the entry on the minutes of Council and all the papers relative to the said Dryer's pardon.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petitions of William Alexander and Samuel Hulings, the former relative to the purchase of farm Number 6 in the reserved tract opposite Pittsburgh, and the latter praying the right of preemption of the Island in the river Allegany, which he occupies containing 40 acres.

Resolved, That the sale of said farm made to Major William Alexander on the nineteenth day of this month, be vacated and that the said farm number 6, as the same is bounded by Girty's run be again exposed to public sale and Colonel Francis Johnston was instructed accordingly.

Resolved, That the island in the River Allegany, containing about forty acres of land occupied by Samuel Hulings, be valued at

seven shillings and six pence per acre, in specie, and that the right of preemption of the same be granted to the said Hulings, provided application and compliance with the said terms, be made by him within six months from the date hereof.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 1st, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire President.

Samuel Miles,	John Baird,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts,	
George Woods,	Nathan Dennison, and	
John Cannon,	Amos Gregg,	

On motion,

Ordered, That the Surveyor General be and he is hereby directed to cause to be surveyed and returns thereof made into his offices all island's in the Rivers Allegany and Ohio which have not already been surveyed nor returns thereof made from the mouth of French creek to the Western Boundaries of this State.

Mr. Potts was appointed for the present month to attend as a member of the Board of Property.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Miles, Mr. Woods, Mr. Smith, Mr. Read, and Mr. Potts be a committee to make the inquiries required by the resolution of this Board of the thirty-first of October last, touching the abuses and frauds alledged to have been committed at the late general election in the city and county of Philadelphia, instead of General Watt, Mr. Smilie and the Vice President who are absent.

On motion,

Resolved That Mr. Cannon be added to the committee appointed November the fourteenth, to take into consideration the letter from Colonel Melcher and the map of the northern part of the State accompanying the said letter.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 2nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	John Baird,	
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith,	
Samuel Edie,	Christopher Kucher,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts, and	
George Woods,	Nathan Dennison,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds, in full of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper to Council for the month of November, 1788.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Major William Armstrong, for one hundred and fifty-five pounds eighteen shillings, ballance due upon his account for his expences and services as Commissary and Surveyor to the Commissioners appointed to run and mark the northern boundary of this Commonwealth.

In favor of Clement Biddle, Esquire, for seventy-nine pounds ten shillings and two pence, in full of his account for rations supplied the Invalid corps, from the first of August to the thirty-first day of October, 1788, inclusive.

Upon the second reading of the petition of John Hudson, late of the town of Baltimore, who stands convicted at the last Court of Quarter Sessions of the city and county of Philadelphia, of forgery,

Resolved, That the same be referred to Colonel Smith, Colonel Miles, and Mr. Dennisen, with an instruction to consult the Justices of the said Court and to report to Council.

The petitions of Hugh Hagan, Daniel Stephens, and Peter Hanes, confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia; of Sarah Wilson, and Margaret Dyer, confined in the workhouse of the said city; and of Thomas Canby, confined in Bucks county; and of William Cowan, in that of Bedford, praying remission of the fines and penalties which have been imposed upon them upen their being convicted of the several offences charged against them, were referred to Doctor Gregg, Colonel Woods, and Mr. Potts, to make some enquiry into the cases of the petitioners and report thereon to Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That the petition from a number of the inhabitants of Northampton county, containing a complaint against their Com-

missioners and County Treasurer, for not giving the necessary information concerning the assessment and collection of the public taxes in that county be referred to Mr. Gregg, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Dennison, to report thereon.

On motion,

Colonel Willing was added to the committee to whom was referred the motion for the sale of the estate forfeited by the attainder of Anthony Yeldale.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 3rd, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Christopher Kucher,	
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison, and	
George Woods,	John Cannon,	

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Baird, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-three pounds, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the eleventh of October until the fourth instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of David Rittenhouse, Esquire, for two hundred and eighty-one pounds twelve shillings and six pence, in full of his account for his services as a Commissioner in running and marking the northern boundary of this State, and for several mathematical instruments purchased to enable him and the other Commissioners to perform said work.

The petition of Rachel Gibbs, for remission of her husband's forfeited recognizance in the case of Hugh Furfey, which was read on the sixth of November was read the second time and referred to Mr. Gregg, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Potts.

The President laid before Council a letter which he received from Bishop White, respecting the present mode of granting licences for marriage, and the same being read the second time, was referred to Mr. Woods, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kucher, and Mr. Read.

Upon the second reading of the account of William Hamilton, against the Commonwealth for arrears of ground rent due on certain lots of ground in the borough of Lancaster, held for public use, and the Comptroller General's report thereon, it was

Resolved, That the same be referred to Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Baird.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 4th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Christopher Kucher,	
Amos Gregg,	John Baird,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennisen,	
George Woods,	John Cannon,	

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the evidence taken by Henry Slagle, Jacob Rudisell, and David Beaty, Esquires, Justices of York county, touching a disputed election of Justices of the Peace held on the seventeenth of May last in Germany and Mountjoy townships, in the county aforesaid.

Resolved, That the said election was irregular and illegal, and that therefore the commission issued thereupon to Robert McIlhany be and the same is hereby revoked and declared null and void.

Resolved, That a præcept be now issued for holding a new election for Justices of the Peace, within the district aforesaid, on the fourth day of February next.

Council took into consideratien a letter from the Surveyor General, recommending Mr. Andrew Ellicott as a proper person to survey the islands in the river Alleghany and Ohio, agreeably to the order of this Board of the first instant; and thereupon

Rsolved, That the said Andrew Ellicott be and he is hereby appointed to survey the said islands, under the direction of the Surveyor General.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Kucher be added to the committee to whom were referred the account of William Hamilton and the Comptroller's report thereon, Mr. Baird, one of that committee, being about to visit his family.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 5th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Abraham Smith,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Samuel Edie,	John Cannon,	
George Woods,		

Upon application of Doctor Benjamin Rush, in behalf of the Trustees of Dickinson College at Carlisle,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be authorized and directed to draw an order upon the Treasurer of Cumberland county in favor of the said Trustees, for the amount of one-half year's interest due upon the certificates which belong to the said College, any thing in the order of Council of July the sixteenth, 1787, to the contrary notwithstanding.

A petition from John Fureman of Dauphine county, praying remission of the fine imposed upon him, upon being convicted of horse stealing at the last Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of said county, was read the second time, and referred to Doctor Gregg, Mr. Potts and Mr. Woods.

A letter from Messrs. Turnbull, Marmie and company to Messrs. Wistar and Ashton, relative to the supply of some blankets now at Pittsburgh, which are said to be suitable for Indians, was read, and an order taken that Messrs. Wistar and Ashton be authorized to agree with Messrs Marmie, Turnbull and company, for as many of the said blankets as will compleat the order of the Indians Commissioners for that article.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 6th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Abraham Smith,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Samuel Edie,	John Cannon,	
George Woods,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Abraham Smith, Esquire, for thirty-four pounds ten shillings,

in full for his attendance in Council from the first of November until the sixth of December, 1788, inclusively, and his mileage.

Petitions from Thomas Keys and Daniel McFarlane, convicted of larceny at the last Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia county, and of Martha Sharp in behalf of her husband Philip Sharp, who was convicted of an assault and battery at the same court, were read and referred to Mr. Read, Mr. Woods and Mr. Potts.

On motion,

Resolved, That Monday, the eighth instant, be assigned for going into the appointment of a Sheriff for the county of Washington.

Upon the second reading of the letter from Thomas Fitzimmons, Esquire, and Mr. John Donaldson, assignees of John Mitchell, requesting payment of a ballance due by the State upon the account of said John Mitchell,

Resolved, That the same be referred to Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith and Colonel Willing.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Fureman, who was lately convicted of horse stealing in the county of Dauphine, praying a pardon,

Resolved, That the fine due to the State, and the punisment at hard labour to which the petitioner was sentenced for the said offence, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 8th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Richard Willing,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	

An order was drawn in favor of the Honorable Samuel Edie, Esquire, upon the Treasurer, for forty-two pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the sixteenth of October until the tenth day of December, 1788, inclusively, and for one days attendance in September, omitted in the last account.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom were referred the petitions from Michael Sharp and his two sons, Philip and George, who were severally convicted of assault and battery at the last Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia county, and fined each in the sum of five pounds, together with the recommendation

in their favor from the Justices of the said Court, and from the person who was assaulted and beaten in favor of Philip.

Ordered, That the several fines be remitted.

Upon the report of the same committee to whom was referred the case of William Cowan, who was convicted of fornication and bastardy in the county of Bedford,

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds imposed upon the said William Cowan, for the said offence, be remitted.

Mr. Wood's motion for appointing a Sheriff for the county of Washington, was referred to Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith, and Colonel Woods.

On motion,

Resolved, That Colonel Willing be added to the committee to whom were referred the account of William Hamilton, and Comptroller General's report thereon.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the petition containing a complaint against the late Commissioners and Treasurer of the county of Northampton, for not giving the necessary information concerning the assessment and collection of some of the public taxes in the said county, was read the second time; and on consideration, it was

Resolved, That Robert Traill and Peter Roads, Esquires, be authorized and requested to investigate the truth of the allegations contained in the said petition and make report to Council.

A letter was written by the Secretary to Richard Butler and John Gibson, Esquires, inclosing an account of the goods lately purchased for the Indians.

A petition from Frances Hudson, wife of John Vincent Hudson, who was convicted the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia county, of forgery, was read and referred to Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith, and Colonel Dennison.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 9th.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esq'rs.
Richard Willing,	George Woods,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Samuel Edie,	John Cannon,	
Abraham Smith,		

A memorial from Robert Leslie, of the city clock and watch maker, containing a complaint against Griffith Owen, for removing

from the State House clock, the newly constructed hammer which the memorialist had invented and placed there by direction of the late President and Council, was read and referred to Colonel Willing, Colonel Smith, and Christopher Kucher, who were instructed to make inquiry into the necessary annual expence of keeping the said clock in repair, and report to Council.

The following report was represented to Council, read and adopted, vizt:

The committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of a number of the freemen of the city and county of Philadelphia, complaining of abuses and frauds having been committed at the general election held in the said city on the fourteenth of October last, and who were to report the names of such public officers as had acted in violation of the constitution or laws of this State, report that they have examined a number of the signers of the said remonstrance, and two other persons pointed out by them, none of whom know of any abuses or a frauds committed by the Judges or Inspectors of said election or by any of them, nor could your committee obtain the least testimony that operated against the integrity and upright conduct of the public officers of the said election.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 10th.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Samuel Edie,	John Cannon, and	
George Woods,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,		

Jacob Abel Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Northampton, upon a return made according to law for the district of the township of Easton and Forks.

Upon the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Hudson, a prisoner in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, convicted of forgery, praying that the fine and punishment to which he was sentenced may be remitted, and also several recommendations in his favor.

Resolved, That the fine of five pounds to the Commonwealth, and the punishment of eighteen months' hard labour imposed by

the sentence of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the city and county of Philadelphia, upon the said John Hudson, for the said offence, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The petition of Ludwick Gloss, who was convicted at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia county, of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, praying a pardon, accompanied by a recommendation from the Justices of said Court, was read the second time; and on consideration, it was

Resolved, That the fine of fifteen shillings payable to the use of the Commonwealth, and the punishment of six months' hard labour to which the petitioner was sentenced for the said offence, be remitted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the three months' imprisonment which is a part of the sentence of the last Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia county against Philip Sharp, for an assault and battery upon Christian Hubert, be now remitted.

Upon the second reading of the letter from Charles Campbell, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, relative to a supply of arms and ammunition for the defence of the frontiers,

Resolved, That the same be referred to Mr. Dennison, Mr. Smith, Mr. Edie, and Mr. Woods.

The Committee appointed on the thirteenth day of November last to make the inquiries required by the resolution of Council of the fourteenth of November, 1787, and to whom was referred the case of Lazarus Brown McLean, Esquire, Prothonotary of Huntington county, now made report, which was read, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That to-morrow be appointed for the second reading and consideration of the said report.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 11th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Amos Gregg,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Richard Willing,	John Cannon,	
Samuel Edie,	Nathan Dennison, and	
George Woods,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,		

Agreeably to the minute of yesterday, the report of the committee appointed to make the enquiries required by the resolution

of Council of the fourteenth of November, 1787, was read the second time, as follows, viz:

The committee who were appointed to make the enquiries required by the resolution of Council of the fourteenth of November, 1787, report:

That several of the officers appointed by Council have neglected to settle their accounts agreeably to the requisition of the several acts of Assembly, which will appear from the returns of the Comptroller General herewith submitted: That Doctor Barnabas Binney, one of the sureties of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, is dead, and that Matthew Irwin, the other, is a bankrupt: That John Craig, Esquire, who is one of the sureties of William Craig, Esquire, Prothonotary of Northampton county, has been lately appointed Collector of Excise of said county, and that Samuel Sitgreaves, the other, is a lawyer in practice at the courts in that county. The committee would therefore submit to Council the propriety of requiring from John Nicholson, Esquire, and William Craig, Esquire, other securities for the faithfull performance of the duties of their respective offices: That many of the public officers have given securities in their respective county's, and therefore the committee have not had it their power to ascertain their names or circumstances. Your committee beg leave further to report that they have seriously considered the complaints against the conduct of Lazarus Browne McLene, Esquire, Prothonotary and Clerk of the Sessions for the county of Huntington, and the testimony in support of the same taken by Alexander Graydon and Joseph Hubley, Esquires, under the direction of Council, with such other information as they have obtained, and are of opinion that the said Lazarus Brown McLene, Esquire, is not sufficiently qualified to execute the duties of said offices.

Your committee, from a sence of their duty, have been under the necessity of taking notice of a memorial presented to Council in December, 1787, on which they do not find any order has heretofore been taken, stating the conduct of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, and Frederick Phile, Esquire, Naval Officer, respecting the seizure, sale, purchase, and re-sale, &ca., of the ship Ann. If the facts stated in the aforesaid memorial can be fully supported by testimony, your committee are of opinion they are of such a nature as to require and demand the attention of the Executive Council. As John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, has been absent for some time, your committee did not think proper to go into a full investigation of the subject, and therefore recommend that a special committee be appointed, with power to make the necessary inquiry into the facts alledged in said memorial, and report thereon.

And on motion, it was

Resolved, That the first paragraph of the said report, which relates to the neglect of some officers in the appointment of Council

to settle their accounts agreeably to law, be re-committed and that the Committee be instructed to prepare and report to Council a draft of a resolution for obliging such delinquent officers to account.

The Board then proceeded in the consideration of the other parts of the said report, and thereupon,

Resolved, That John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptrollor General, offer to Council for their approbation two sureties for the faithfull discharge of the duties of his office, in the room and stead of Barnabas Binney, deceased, and Matthew Irwin, a public officer. And that William Craig, Esquire, Prothonotary of Northampton county, offer in like manner two sureties for the faithfull execution of the duties of his office, in the room of John Craig, Esquire, who is also a public officer, and Samuel Sitgreaves, Esquire, an attorney in the Court of Common Pleas in the said county.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized and directed to call upon the Prothonotary's and Recorders of the several counties throughout this State for returns of the names of those persons who stand as sureties for pubilc officers in the appointment of this Board.

In the case of the complaint against Lazarus Brown McLene, Esquire, it was moved by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Woods, that Council come to the following resolution, vizt:

Resolved, That the said Lazarus Brown M'Lene, be and he is hereby removed from the offices of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas and Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Huntington.

And on the question, to agree to the same, the yeas and nays were required by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Potts, and were as follows, vizt:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
The President.	Mr. Kucher,	Mr. Smith,
The Vice President,	Mr. Cannon,	
Mr. Miles,	Mr. Woods,	
Mr. Read,	Mr. Edie,	
Mr. Willing,	Mr. Gregg, and	
Mr. Dennison,	Mr. Potts.	

So it was determined in the affirmative.

On consideration of that part of the aforesaid report which recommends that a special committee be appointed to make the necessary enquires into the facts alledged in the memorial presented to Council in December, 1787, by Richard Wells, against the Comptroller General and Naval Officer, and to report to Council thereon,

Resolved, That Colonel Willing, Zebulun Potts, Doctor Gregg, Colonel Smith and Colonel Dennisen, be appointed a committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Council proceeded to the choice of a Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas and Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Ses-

sions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the county of Huntington, in the place of Lazarus Brown M'Lene, Esquire, removed, and the ballots being taken for the several candidates, it appeared that Andrew Henderson, Esquire, was duly elected to the said offices, and he was commissionated accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That the said Lazarus Brown M'Lene, Esquire, be removed from the office of Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the said county of Huntington, and that the said Andrew Henderson, Esquire, be appointed to that office in his room and stead, and be commissionated accordingly.

Doctor John M'Dowell, of the county of Chester, and Israel Israel, Innkeeper of the city of Philadelphia, were offered and accepted as sureties for the said Andrew Henderson's faithfull discharge of the duties of his offices aforesaid, according to law.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, for the sum of nine pounds fifteen shillings and three pence, for the travelling expences of the Judges and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court and their servants, &ca., on the northern circuit, in the fall of the present year 1788, which sum the said Judges have certified to be properly chargeable to the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 12, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Samuel Edie,	Zebulun Potts, and	
George Woods,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Amos Gregg,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Woods, Esquire, for sixty-three pounds ten shillings, in full for attendance in Council from the sixteenth of October untill the twelfth of December, 1788, inclusively, and two mileages, coming to Philadelphia and returning to Bedford.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President and Mr. Woods, be a committee to consider of and report to Council, names proper for the several lanes and alley's within the reserved tract opposite Pittsburg, omitted in the last report.

Upon consideration of the report of the committe respecting such officers in the appointment of Council, as have neglected to settle their accounts, agreeably to law,

Resolved, That all public officers in the appointment of Council, who have neglected to render their accounts into the Comptroller General's office, agreeably to law, be and they are hereby required to render the same for settlement.

Resolved, That Council will, on the first Monday in May next, take into consideration the propriety of supereeeding all public officers who do not comply with the foregoing resolution.

Upon the report of the committee to whom were referred the petition and recommendation in favor of Thomas Canby, of Bucks county, praying that he may be released from payment, of fifty pounds on his forfeited recognizance, for the appearance of a certain John Taylor, who was charged with larceny and absconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

A dedimus potestatum was issued, directed to Robert Galbraith, Esquire, President of the Court of Common Pleas, &ca., of the county of Huntington, and to Andrew Henderson, Esquire, Recorder and Prothonotary of the said county.

On motion,

Resolved, That Tuesday next be appointed for the consideration of the case of Jacob Dryer.

Mr. Cannan, member of this Board, was proposed and accepted as surety for Andrew Henderson, Esquire, Prothonotary of Huntington county, in the place of Doctor John M'Dowell, who is not in town.

The committee appointed to consider of names proper for the several lanes dividing the out lots in the reserved tract of land opposite Fort Pitt, omitted in the former report, now reported the following, which were agreed to, vizt:

No. 1	to be called	Bank lane,
2	do.	Strawberry lane,
3	do.	Island lane,
4	do.	Ohio lane,
5	do.	Water lane,
6	do.	Ferry lane,
7	do.	Spring lane, continued.
8	to be called	Chesnut lane,
9	do.	Huccleberry lane,
10	do.	Long lane,
11	do.	East lane,
12	do	Sassafras lane,
13	do.	Pasture lane.
And No. 14		Sandusky lane.

Upon consideration of a petition and recommendation in favor of Sarah Butler, of the county of Chester, who was convicted at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in that county of a misde-

meanor in harbouring certain persons charged with capital offences, knowing them to be so charged, praying a pardon of the said offence,

Resolved, That the said Sarah Butler be, and she is hereby pardoned.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 13th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Amos Gregg,	
Zebulun Potts,	Abraham Smith, and	
Mr. Dennison,	John Cannon,	
Christopher Kucher,		

Upon consideration of the report of the committee who were instructed to consult the Judges of the Supreme Court in the case of Darius Parks, who was convicted at the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery held in Luzerne county the fourth of November last, of a riot, in assaulting and carrying off Timothy Pickering, Esquire, Prothonotary of that county,

Resolved, That the fine of fifty dollars imposed upon the said Darius Parks, for the said offence, be and the same is hereby remitted.

The committee to whom were referred the several petitions of Daniel Stephens, Peter Hains, Thomas Keys, and Daniel McFarlane, confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, for larceny; and of Margaret Dyer, and Sarah Wilson, confined in the workhouse of the said city for the like offence, made a report, which was read, and on consideration,

Resolved, That the said Daniel Stephens, Peter Hains, Thomas Keys, and Daniel McFarlane, be, and they are hereby pardoned; and that the petitions of Margaret Dyer and Sarah Wilson be dismissed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 15th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Richard Willing,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennison,	
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith, and	
Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,	

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Kucher be added to the committee to whom were referred the letter from Colonel Melcher, and a map of the northern parts of this State, accompanying the said letter on the fourteenth of November last.

On motion,

Resolved, That Thursday next be appointed for the consideration of the report of the commissioners appointed by act of Assembly of the twenty-ninth day of Seytember, 1787, to survey and regulate the district of Southwark, and that Friday following, Council will take into consideration the propriety of appointing a Health Officer for the Port of Philadelphia.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 16th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
James Read,	Abraham Smith,	
Richard Willing,	Amos Gregg, and	
Christopher Kucher,	John Cannon,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for seventy-nine pounds, in full of his account for one quarter's salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and for four days' services as a Judge in the High Court of Errors and Appeals of this State, to wit: on the seventh, seventeenth, and eighteenth of April, and September 20th, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report.

And in favor of John Hague, for the sum of one hundred pounds, payable out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, being

the sum allowed him by act of Assembly dated the third of October last, for introducing into this State a usefull machine for carding cotton.

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next be assigned to hear Crud'r Taylor, attorney for Techarner Degrafendredt, touching the claim to lands within this State, in right of an original purchase from William Penn, first proprietor of Pennsylvania, and that the Attorney General and Land Officers, be requested to attend.

Upon the second reading of a memorial from Jeremiah Tisher, guardian of the children of Captain William Shippen, deceased, relative to their pensions.

Resolved, That the said memorial be referred to Colonel Miles, Colonel Smith, and Mr. Read.

The several papers before Council relative to Jacob Dryer, now confined in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, for burglary, were read, and after some time spent in consideration of the said Jacob Dryer, it was, on motion,

Resolved, To postpone the further consideration thereof till Saturday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 17th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Richard Willing,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	Nathan Dennisen,	
Amos Gregg,	Abraham Smith, and	
James Read,	John Cannon,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Thomas Lloyd, for one pound fifteen shillings, in full of his account for three copies of the fourth volume of the debates of the General Assembly, as published by him, and furnished for the use of Council.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for five pounds ten shillings and seven pence, being a ballance due upon his account for firewood purchased for the use of Council, and for cash paid for sweeping four chimneys.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred that part of Colonel Pickerings letter, which relates to rewards for apprehending the persons who carried off the said Colonel Pickering.

Resolved, That the two Sons of William Smith, Esquire, are entitled to the reward of one hundred dollars, offered by proclamation of Council of the eighth of July last, for apprehending and securing Zebulun Cady, and that Aaron Kilborn and Darius Parks, having been apprehended by virtue of a warrant from a Justice of the Peace, the persons who took them are therefore intitled to no reward.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 18th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	John Cannon,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Amos Gregg,		

Agreeably to the order of the day, Council proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Commissioners appointed by act of Assembly dated the twenty-ninth day of September, 1787, to survey and regulate the district of Southwark, when it was

Resolved, That the third Tuesday in January next, be fixed for hearing the objections of such land holders, who may think themselves aggrieved by the proceedings of the said Commissioners.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 19th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen, and,	
Richard Willing,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Armstrong, Junior, Esquire, for one hundred and thirty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence, in part of his pay as a delegate from this State to Congress, for which sum he is to account.

Agreeably to the minute of the fifteenth instant, Council proceeded to an enquiry into the propriety of appointing a Health officer to supercede the present officer; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That in the opinion of Council, it is not proper at this time to go into the appointment of a Health officer for the Port of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the several persons who have petitioned Council, to be appointed to the said office, in case the present officer should be removed, have leave to withdraw their petitions.

The Attorney General and the Secretary and Receiver of the Land office, attended agreeably to notice, when Council proceeded to hear Joseph B. M'Kean, Esquire, the Attorney of Techarnor de Graffendriedt, relative to his claim to lands within this State, in right of a purchase from William Penn, Esquire, and some time being spent therin, the further hearing of said claimant was postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 20th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Nathan Dennisen, and	
Richard Willing,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Messieurs Wistar and Ashton, for the sum of five hundred pounds on account of their purchase of Indian goods, and to defray the contingent expences thereof, for which sum they are to be accountable.

Council took into consideration the following opinion of Chief Justice M'Kean, Judge Bryan and William Bradford, Junior, Attorney General.

December 9th, 1788.

GENTLEMEN:—The case of Jacob Dryer, upon which you were instructed by the Supreme Executive Council to consult us, appears to be as follows:

Jacob Dryer being attainted of Burglary, received a charter of pardon signed by the President in Council, and under the State

seal, reciting his attainder, and containing a condition of his leaving the United States in thirty days not to return, "that about the same time an entry was made on the minutes of Council, in the following words."

In Council, November 13th, 1787.

Upon the petition of the parents and friends of Jacob Dryer, now confined in the Jail of this city, under sentence of death, praying a pardon, and also a respectable recommendation,

Ordered, That the said Jacob Dryer, be and he hereby is pardoned.

The said Jacob Dryer having broken the condition annexed to the said charter of pardon, was afterwards arrested and brought before the Supreme Court, whereupon the record of his attainder being read, and a suggestion filed by the Attorney General, he was asked what he had to say why execution of the sentence of death should not be awarded against him, and Counsel being retained and time given to prepare an answer he shewed no cause to the Court, and execution was awarded accordingly.

We understand that some doubts have arisen, concerning the effects of the said entry on the minutes of Council, whether the same does not operate as an absolute pardon, and whether Council can now legally issue a warrant for the execution of the said Jacob Dryer.

We are clearly of opinion that the said entry in the minutes of Council, can have no legal operation upon the attainder of the prisoner. We conceive that no pardon of an attainder can be good, unless it be under the State seal; and that the Supreme Executive Council cannot legally exercise this prerogative in any other mode than that. It is a charter under the seal that the prisoner must plead in bar, and no entry on the minutes of Council can reverse or annul his attainder, if it should be made manifest to Council that a mistake crept into the charter of pardon by inserting a condition when it was intended to be absolute, this can only be rectified by granting a new pardon, and until this be granted, the party will remain attainted and liable to execution.

We would farther observe upon this subject, that if a party would take advantage of a pardon granted to him by Council, the laws furnish him with an opportunity of doing this when he is brought before the Court. He may wave the benefit of it if he pleases, and if he will not plead it, and produce it for the Court to examine and determine upon, he loses the advantage of it and cannot legally avail himself of it in any other place. By the record transmitted to Council, it appears that the said Jacob Dryer had this opportunity afforded him, and that there were no legal objections against the award of execution.

We, therefore, cannot entertain any doubt upon this point, and are of opinion that Council may legally issue a warrant for the execution of the prisoner, if they think the public good requires it.

We have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient servants.

THOMAS M'KEAN,
GEORGE BRYAN,
WILLIAM BRADFORD, Jun'r.

Honorable James Read, George Woods and Abraham Smith, Esq'rs.

Whereupon, it was moved and seconded that Council come to the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That a warrant be issued for the execution of Jacob Dryer, on Saturday the twenty-seventh instant.

And on the question, to agree to the same, it was determined in the negative,

It was then on motion,

Resolved, That the said Jacob Dryer be, and he is hereby pardoned.

Council resumed the consideration of the claim, which was made on the twelfth day of July last, in behalf of Techarnor de Graffendreidt, an inhabitant of the State of Virginia, by his Attorney, Joseph B. M'Kean, Esquire, to an equivalent out of the unappropriated lands vested in the Commonwealth for two grants from William Penn, Esquire, of ten thousand acres of land near the Connawaw upon the river Susquehanna, and ten thousand acres near on Indian town called Talbaholkie upon the river Schuylkill, which it is alledged were not set out and appropriated. And it appearing to Council, upon examination of the act of Assembly passed the tenth day of April, 1781, entituled "An Act for the better support of the public credit, by an immediate sale of the lands therein mentioned, and fully securing the purchasers thereof in their titles, and also for preserving the common lands appurtenant to the city of Philadelphia and other towns in this State, from unwarrantable encroachment," that the said claim was made three months after the expiration of the time limitted for filing claims under the said act, and that the claimant is not within the meaning of the provisoes contained in the tenth section thereof; therfore,

Resolved, That the said Techarnor de Graffendreidt, is barred by the said act from prosecuting his claim before this Board.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Read, for ninety pounds, in full for his attendance in Council, from August the twenty-third untill December the twentieth, 1788, inclusively.

Upon the second reading of the letter from Andrew Ellicott, Esquire, relative to a survey of the trangular piece of Country on Lake Erie, lately ceded to this State by the United States,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Vice President, Colonel Smith, Mr. Dennisen, Colonel Miles and Mr. Cannon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 22nd, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher, James Read, John Cannon, and Richard Willing, Nathan Dennisen, Amos Gregg, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James R. Read, Esquire, for one hundred pounds, on account of his pay as a delegate from this State to Congress, for which sum he is to account.

And in favor of the Honorable Jacob Rush, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as a Judge of the Supreme Court, ending the eighteenth instant.

Upon application of several merchants of this city, that Council would be pleased to transmit under the authority of the State, to Mr. Carmichael, resident at the Court of Madrid, a memorial which they have addressed to his Most Catholic Majesty, relative to a quantity of flour which was shipp'd to the Havanna,

Ordered, That a letter from the President to Mr. Carmichael, recommending the said memorial to his particular attention, be written.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 23d, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Christopher Kucher, James Read, John Cannon, and Richard Willing, Nathan Dennisen, Amos Gregg, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Richard Willing, Esquire, for forty-five pounds, in full for his attendance in Council, from the seven-

teenth of October until the twenty-third of December, 1788, inclusively, deducting eight days absence,

In favor of the Honorable John Cannon, Esquire, for forty-seven pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for his attendance in Council until the twenty-third of this month, inclusively, and for mileage coming to Philadelphia and returning home in September last and coming in November and returning at this time.

And in favor of the Honorable Nathan Dennison, Esquire, for twenty-four pounds, in full for his attendance in Council until the twenty-seventh of December, 1788, inclusively.

Council being informed that Captain James McLean, who commands the Invalids, is prevented from attending to the duties of that command,

Resolved, That Colonel Lewis Nichola be and he is hereby appointed Commandant of the Corps of Invalids, in the place of Captain James McLean, who cannot attend to the duties of the appointment, and that he be supplied with the usual rations.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary employ two proper persons to ride to the counties of Washington, Westmoreland, Fayette, Bedford, Huntington, Northumberland, Cumberland, Luzerne, Franklin and Dauphine, to bring to Council from those counties the returns of Electors for the choice of President and Vice President of the United States. and that he assign to the said expresses their proper counties, give them the necessary instructions, and direct the said expresses to set off on Monday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 24th.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, James Read, Abraham Smith, John Cannon, and Christopher Kucher, } Esquires.

An order of the Orphans' Court of Northumberland county in favor of Mary Nees, widow of Peter Nees, deceased, late private of the militia of that county, granting to her the sum of eighty-four pounds for the support of herself and children, was laid before Council, and the same being read, the further consideration thereof postponed until Saturday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 27th, 1788.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	Richard Willing, and	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	

Council resumed the consideration of the order of the Orphans' Court of Northumberland county in favor of Mary Nees; and thereupon

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in her favor for eighty-four pounds, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in Northumberland county, for the support of herself and children until the twenty-ninth day of November, 1788, under an act of Assembly dated the twentyeth day of March, 1780

James Dunwoodie was employed as one of the persons to ride to the counties of Washington, Westmoreland, Fayette, Bedford, Huntington, Cumberland, Franklin and Dauphine, agreeably to the minute of the twenty-third instant, and it was agreed to allow him two dollars and a half in specie per diem, while he is employed in the said business.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 29th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
James Read,	Richard Willing, and	
John Cannon,	Christopher Kucher,	

Upon the second reading of a letter from Anthony Butler, stating the several installments of the one hundred and thirty thousand pounds sterling, which are due to Messieurs John Penn, jun'r, and John Penn, Esquires, and requesting that warrants in their favor may issue; therefore

Resolved That the said letter be referred to the Comptroller General to report thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 30th, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, John Cannon,
Richard Willing, Abraham Smith, and
James Read, Christopher Kucher, } Esquires.
Zebulun Potts,

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Jeremiah Fisher, and other papers accompanying it,

Resolved, unanimously, That Council do not think it expedient to issue any further order in favor of Jeremiah Fisher, Guardian of the children of Captain William Shippen.

The account of Alexander McLean, Esquire, for surveying the two reserved tracts of land on the north side of the Ohio and Allegany rivers, and for running and marking the line dividing the depreciation and donation lands, selling off the districts thereon, running a meredian thirty-three miles, together with charges for chainbearers, markers, provisions, pack-horses, &ca., was read, together with the Comptroller's report thereupon.

Resolved, That the same be referred to Mr. Vice, President, John Cannon and Zebulun Potts.

Agreeably to the report of the Comptroller General, relative to two notes given by him to John Skinner, amounting to two hundred pounds specie, being the ballance due upon Skinner's second contract for opening and making good the public road between Sideling Hill and Rayshill, in Bedford county,

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Comptroller General, for the sum of two hundred and eighty-one pounds eighteen shillings, to reimburse him for the sum advanced as aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 31st, 1788.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.
The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	} Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Abraham Smith,	
Richard Willing,	John Cannon,	

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds, and in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to them as Judges of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth instant, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon the second reading of the memorial of Jacob Peterman and others, Officers of Montgomery county militia, containing a complaint against the Lieutenant of the county of Philadelphia for detaining money which is due to them for sundry expences of the sixth battalion of Philadelphia county militia, in the year 1783 and 1784,

Resolved, That the said memorial be referred to Colonel Willing, Colonel Smith and Mr. Potts.

The return of members to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, having been received by Council from the city of Philadelphia and the several counties, except the county of Fayette,

Resolved, That for the information of the public, the following state of the returns be published:

Fred'k Augustus Muhlenberg,	8707	John Allison,	7067
Henry Wynkoop,	8246	Stephen Chambers,	7050
Thomas Hartley,	8163	William Findley,	6586
George Clymer,	8094	William Irvine,	6492
Thomas Fitzimmons,	80	Charles Pettit,	6481
Thomas Scott,	8068	William Montgomery,	6348
Peter Muhlenberg,	7417	Blair McClerrachan,	6223
Daniel Hiester,	7403	Robert Whitehill,	5850

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice Presient.

Samuel Miles, Abraham Smith,
James Read, John Cannon, and
Richard Willing, Christopher Kucher, } Esquires.
Zebulun Rotts,

Upon application of the Comptroller General, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for forty-five pounds, to purchase fire wood for the use of the Invalid Guards, and to defray the expenses of his office, for which sum he is to be accountable.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds eleven shillings and four pence, being in full of his account for his wages as Door-keeper to Council from the first till the thirty-first of December, 1788, &ca.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 3rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire. President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, Abraham Smith,
Richard Willing, Zebulun Potts, and
James Read, Christopher Kucher, } Esquires.
John Cannon,

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, one in favor of John Buth for five pounds, and the other in favor of Jacob Krotts for three pounds fifteen shillings, State money, of the emission of April, 1781, payable out of the fund appropriated by the resolution of Assembly of the eighth of April, 1782, being in full of their certificates for two beeves furnished by them for the use of the Continental army in the year 1780, according to the Comptroller General report.

Mr. Willing was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

John White was employed as an Express to ride to the counties of Northumberland and Luzerne, agreeably to the minute of the twenty-third of December; and it was agreed to allow him three dollars specie per diem while he is engaged in the said business.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 5th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble Samuel Miles, Abraham Smith, James Read, Zebulun Potts, and John Cannon, Christopher Kucher, } Esquires.

The Vice President and Mr. Willing attended the Board of Property.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of John McNair, junior, Esquire, agent for the sale of forfeited estates in the county of Northampton, for his commissions and the expences attending the sale of seven tracts of land, situate on Lackawannick and Shawhawkin creek's in the said county, which became forfeited to the Commonwealth by the attainder of Christian Huck, was read and approved, and an order drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of the said agent for the sum of two pounds two shillings and six pence, being in full for the said expences.

A return from the county of Fayette of members to serve in the Congress of the United States, was received and read.

On motion,

Resolved, That agreeably to the act of General Assembly, passed the fourth of October last, a proclamation of the members elected to represent this State in the Congress of the United States be now issued under the Great Seal.

A draft of a proclamation being prepared and laid on the table, was read and agreed to, as follows, vizt:

Pennsylvania, ss.

By the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the said Commonwealth, passed on the fourth day of October last, intituled "An Act directing the time, places and manner of holding elections for Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States, &ca. Election for such representatives were held on the last Wednesday in November last, in the city of Philadelphia, and in the several counties of this State, and the returns of the said several elections, having been transmitted by the Sheriff's of the said city and counties respectively to the Secretary of this Council. Now We the Supreme Executive Council of the said Commonwealth, having agreeably to the directions of the said act inspected

and examined the said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number of votes for each and every candidate, do hereby make known and declare that Frederick Agustus Muhlenberg, Henry Wynkoop, Thomas Hartly, George Clymer, Thomas Fitzimmons, Thomas Scott, Peter Muhlenberg and Daniel Heister are according to the said returns, highest in votes of the electors throughout this State, and in consequence are duly elected and chosen as representatives of and for this State in the Congress of the United States.

Given in Council under the hand of his Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State at Philadelphia, this fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Attest—CHARLES BIDDLE, Sec'ry.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 6th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, James Read, John Cannon, Richard Willing, Abraham Smith, Christopher Kucher, and Zebulun Potts, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 8th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles, John Cannon, Abraham Smith, Christopher Kucher, Zebulun Potts, and Richard Willing, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Thomas Bradford, for twelve pounds six shillings, in full of his account for six copies of the Pennsylvania Journal, on each day of publication, from January the first until December

31st, 1788, furnished for the use of Council, and for several single papers at different times.

In favor of Henry Bush, Sub-Sheriff of Northampton county, for eighteen pounds, in full of his account for his services and expences in removing John Franklin, a State prisoner, from the jail of the said county, to that of the city and county of Philadelphia, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of Doctor James Hutchinson, for seven pounds five shillings and three pence, in full of his account for medicine and attendance upon John Franklin, in the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia, from July the twenty-fourth until August the fifth, 1788; and for the sum of thirty-five pounds five shillings and six pence, in full of his account for medicine and attendance upon the corps of Invalids from December the sixth, 1787, until the twenty-sixth of November, 1788, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, for sixty-eight pounds one shilling and four pence, being one year and nine months' pension due to David Grady; and one year twelve weeks and four days' pension due to Dennis Ford, and for the funeral charges of the latter, according to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon consideration of a letter from the Honorable Edward Shippen, relative to a suit now depending in the Supreme Court, for the recovery of a debt due upon a mortgage against the estate which was forfeited to the Commonwealth by the attainder of Benedict Arnold, situate in the county of Philadelphia, and which was sold by the Agents of the said county for the term of his natural life;

Resolved, That the Attorney General be requested to appear in behalf of the State and use his best judgment in the case.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 9th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Christopher Kucher,	
James Read,	Zebulun Potts, and	
John Cannon,	Frederick Watts, now returned.	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Captain James McLean, for fifteen

pounds five shillings and six pence, in full of his account for his subsistence as commandant of the Invalid corps, and for house rent due to him until the twenty-fourth day of December last, when General Nichola took command of the said corps.

A certificate of the division of Letterkenny township, in the county of Franklin, for a more convenient election of Justices of the Peace from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said county, which was received and read on the twenty-sixth of August last, was again read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the said division be confirmed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Vice President be added to the committee appointed the third of December last, to take into consideration the account of William Hamilton, and report to Council thereon.

A letter was written by the President to General Knox, Secretary at War, in answer to his letter of the twenty-ninth of December, on the subject of calling out the militia of the Western Frontiers of this State, under a resolution of Congress of August the twelfth last.

A letter was written by the Secretary of this Board to the Secretary of Congress inclosing the proclamation issued by Council on the fifth instant, declaring the eight persons highest in votes as Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States, and also the returns received from the city and several counties of the elections of the said Representatives.

A petition from Eve Wittington, of Berks county, praying payment of an account of expences of certain State prisoners who were sent to Virginia by the way of Reading, in the year 1777, was read and referred to the Comptroller General to report thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 10th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Richard Willing,	
John Cannon,	Frederick Watts,	
Abraham Smith,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,		

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Christopher Kucher, Esquire, for twenty-nine pounds five shillings, in full for his attendance as Councillor from the second of December, 1788, till January the tenth, 1789, inclusive.

In favor of Sebastian Gitz, for eleven pounds five shillings, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Montgomery, being in part of his account for five quarters casks of gunpowder furnished by him for the use of the militia of the said county.

On motion,

Resolved, That the account of Colonel Andrew Porter against the State, for the value of a horse which died in the service of the commissioners who were employed in running and marking the northern boundary, and for some expences of a trial at law between Colonel Porter and the owner of said horse, be referred to Colonel Willing and General Watt to report thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 12th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Richard Willing,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Frederick Watts,	Zebulun Potts, and	
John Cannon,	Amos Gregg,	
Christopher Kucher,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Daniel Humphreys, for ten pounds one shilling and eleven pence, in full of his account for six copies of the Pennsylvania Mercury furnished for the the use of Council on each day of publication, for one year, ending December the thirty-first, 1788, and for publishing in the said newspapers several proclamations and other proceedings of Council.

Upon the recommendation of the Honorable Robert Traill,

Ordered, That Enoch Beer and Jacob Abel, Esquires, two of the Justices of the Peace of Northampton county, be appointed and commissionated Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 13th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Richard Willing,	Frederick Watt,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Cannon,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Abraham Smith,	Samuel Miles,	
Amos Gregg,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor for the sum of fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to his clerk on the tenth instant, according to act of Assembly dated the fourth day of April, 1785.

Upon consideration of the account for pension presented to Council by Eve Wittington, with the Comptroller General's report thereon.

Resolved, That the party applying be referred to the Justices of the Supreme Court for their revision of the proceedings of the Orphans' Court of Berks county, agreeably to an act intituled "An Act to alter and amend an act for the relief of officers, soldiers, and seamen, who, in the course of the late war, have been wounded, or otherwise disabled in the services of this State or of the United States," passed the tenth day of March, 1787, and that an order shall issue for any money, in pursuance of the proceedings of Orphans' Court aforesaid, granting to her the said pension, until a dicision of the said Supreme Court, and the Comptroller General's report thereon be obtained.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Jane Roseborough, for the sum of three hundred and thirty six pounds two shillings and six, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Northampton, being the ballance of the half-pay awarded to her by the Orphans' Court of said county, (in right of her husband, the Reverend John Roseborough, deceased, late Chaplain of Militia,) according to act of Assembly of the twentieth of March, 1780.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 14th.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Richard Willing,	Frederick Watt,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher,	
Abraham Smith,		

Upon the report of the Committee to whom was referred the account of Colonel Andrew Porter against the State for twenty-four pounds twelve shillings and four pence, being the value and expences of a horse which died in the service of the Commissioners who were employed in running the northern boundary of this State, for which sum a judgment of Court was obtained by Joseph Parke, the owner, against said Colonel Porter, in Chester county.

Resolved, That an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Colonel Andrew Porter, for the said sum of twenty-four pounds twelve shillings and four pence, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report.

Upon consideration of a letter from Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, Esquire, requesting Council to accept his resignation of the office of Justice of the Peace, in the county of Montgomery,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

Joseph Chapman and William Bell, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace, the former for the district of the townships of Lower Makefield, Newtown and Wrightstown, in the county of Bucks, and the latter for the district of the township of Milford, in the county of Cumberland, upon returns made according to law, from the said several districts.

Joseph Chapman and William Bell, Esquires, were also appointed and commissionated Justices of the Courts of Common Pleas in their respective counties.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 15th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Augustus Atlee, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds, being one quarter's salary due to him as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, ending the twenty-fifth day of December, 1788.

In favor of the Honorable Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, for six pounds, in full of his account for six days' attendance as one of the Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals of this State, in September, 1787, and April, 1788.

Upon consideration of the petition of Job Stackhouse and Jonathan Pursell, of Bucks county, and the recommendation in their favor from several of the Justices of the Peace and others, of the said county,

Resolved, That the several fines payable to the use of the Commonwealth, which have been imposed upon the petitioners by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the said county, upon their being convicted of retailing spirituous liquors without licence, be remitted.

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the account of William Hamilton, Esquire,

Resolved, That an order be drawn upon the Treasurer in his favor, for one hundred and ten pounds one shilling and three pence, due to him according to the Comptroller General's report, for arrears of ground rent on six lots of ground in the borough of Lancaster, whereon the Barracks and Powder Magazine are erected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 16th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Abraham Smith,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	John Cannon,	
James Read,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Frederick Watts,	

An order was also drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Christian, the widow of Nathaniel Little, deceased, late Serjeant in the Lancaster county militia, for one hundred and fifty-seven pounds ten shillings, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in Lancaster county, being the sum awarded by the Orphans' Court of said county, for the support of herself and the child of said Nathaniel Little until the sixth of September, 1786, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an act of Assembly dated the twentieth day of March, 1780.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 17th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watt,	
James Read,	James Read, and	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Cannon,		

A return of the general election of Sheriffs and Coroners, held in and for the county of Washington, in October, 1788, was received and read, and David Williamson, Esquire, thereupon appointed and commissionated Sheriff, and Robert Benham, Coroner, of the said county.

William Parker and Josiah Scott, of the county of Washington, were offered and accepted as sureties for the said David Williamson's faithfull performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff for the county aforesaid, according to law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 19th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watts, and	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Cannon,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Miles, Esquire, for sixty-nine pounds, in full for his attendance in Council from the twentieth of October, 1788, until January the nineteenth, 1789, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 20th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watt,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Cannon,		

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Sebastian Gitz, for two pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, payable out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Montgomery, being the ballance due upon his account for five quarter casks of gunpowder, furnished by him for the use of the militia of the said county.

A letter from the Attorney General being read, informing Council that a suit is depending in the Supreme Court between this Commonwealth and the Executors of Messieurs Stocker and Wharton, for money paid those gentlemen for a bill of exchange drawn on Davidson and Lees of Quebec, which bill was conditionally accepted, but afterwards lost and never paid.

Resolved, That the Attorney General be authorized to engage, on the part of the Commonwealth, in case of a recovery on this suit, to indemnify the defendants from any demands of Davidson and Lees on account of the said bill.

John Pugh and Henry Pawling, Esquires, were appointed and commissionated Justices of the Peace and of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Montgomery, upon a return made

according to law from the district of Norristown, in the said county.

Agreeably to the order of the day, a number of the landholders in the district of Southwark and townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, attended, when Council proceeded to hear the objections of Messieurs Chew, Depui, Poyntell, Keen, Wheeler, Ball and Dushong, to the confirmation of the report of the Commissioners appointed to survey and regulate the said district and townships, under the act of Assembly of the twenty-ninth of September, 1787; and some time being spent in the said hearing, the further consideration of this business was postponed until to-morrow.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 21st, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

James Read, Christopher Kucher, John Cannon, Zebulun Potts, and Samuel Miles, Frederick Watts, Abraham Smith, } Esquires.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Henry Kammerer for ten pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for seven reams of writing paper, five furnished for the use of Council and two for the Comptroller General's office.

In favor of Robert Aitkin for nine pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account for printing work done for the State by direction of the Comptroller General, and cash paid for paper.

Council resumed the consideration of the report of the Commissioners appointed by act of Assembly of the twenty-ninth of September, 1787, to survey and regulate the district of Southwark and townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, and having heard the objections of Martin Killhoner, John Lane, Adam Shetzly and John Beltz, it was on motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said report be postponed until the second Tuesday in February next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 22nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watts,	
John Cannon,		

Thomas Clark, Esquire, was appointed and commissionated a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Dauphine, upon a return made according to law from the district of the township of Bethel, in the said county.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report an order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John White for twenty-two pounds three shillings and one penny, in full of his account for riding express by order of Council, to bring forward the returns of elections for Electors.

Upon the second reading of an order of Court of Huntington county, relative to laying off a district for electing Justices of the Peace, it appeared to Council to be defective, and an order was taken that Mr. Cannon, the Member who represented it, have leave to withdraw the same.

Council being informed that Colonel Johnston has received proposals from several persons for the purchase of land within the reserved tract, vizt: from William Turnbull for farm number 1 for the sum of two hundred and seventy pounds, and for the farm number 6 at thirty shillings per acre; and from James O'Hara for the high broken ground, at the price of fifteen shillings per acre in certificates.

Resolved, That Colonel Johnston be instructed to dispose of the above lands agreeably to the proposals aforesaid, on the same terms of payment with the other lands sold at the late sale.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 23rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts, and	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watts,	
John Cannon,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of John Mitchell, Esquire, for the sum of six thousand two hundred and eighty-

six pounds six shillings and eight pence, due to him for principal and interest, together with costs of suit, agreeably to a certificate of the Supreme Court dated the twentyeth day of January, 1789, and an act of Assembly dated the eighteenth day of February, 1785.

A letter was written and signed by the Vice President, addressed to the Delegates of this State in Congress, requesting them to inform Council what steps or if any have been taken by Congress to obtain leave from the Governor of Canada or the Commandant at Niagara, for the Geographer General, or any persons under his appointment, to go within the British settlements or lines to make the necessary observations to enable him to begin to carry into execution the surveying and laying off the tract of country lying on the south side of Lake Erie, lately purchased by this State of the United States.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 24th, 1789.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE ROSS, Esquire, Vice President.

Samuel Miles,	Christopher Kucher,	Esquires.
James Read,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
John Cannon,		

Upon consideration of the petition of John Redman, junior, praying Council to take his assignment of a certain bond and warrant of Attorney, executed to him on the fourth of December, 1788, by William Lawrence and Richard Footman for the payment of sixty pounds, in gold or silver money or in the paper money of the late emission, under the penalty of one hundred and twenty pounds like money, and exonerate him from the debt wherein he is bail to Sharp Delany for duties owing to the State by the said William Lawrence,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be authorized and instructed to take an assignment of the said bond and warrant of Attorney in discharge of the debt due by the petitioner as bail to the said William Lawrence, and that the said Treasurer be authorized to enter satisfaction on the action brought by the Collector of the Customs, against the said William Lawrence and John Redman, they discharging the costs which have accrued thereon.

Upon the second reading of the report of the committee to whom was referred the accounts of William Turnbull, as a commissioner for the purchase of cloathing for the army in the years 1779 and 1780,

Resolved, That the said accounts with all the papers respecting the same be referred to the Comptroller General, who is requested to settle the said accounts agreeably to law and equity, and report thereon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 26th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
James Read,	Frederick Watts and	
John Cannon,	William Maclay,	
Christopher Kucher,	Amos Gregg,	
Abraham Smith,		

On motion,

Resolved, That Friday next be assigned for the further consideration of the application from Anthony Butler, relative to the instalments due to Messieurs John Penn, junior, and John Penn, Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, January 27th, Tuesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watts,	
John Cannon,	Christopher Kucher, and	
Zebulun Potts,	Amos Gregg,	

On motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller General be requested to lay before the Board as soon as possible a statement of the annual expences of supporting the Invalid Guard.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 28th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Frederick Watts,	
Christopher Kucher,	William Maclay, and	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison,	

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 29th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
Christopher Kucher,	John Cannon,	
Abraham Smith,	Nathan Dennison, and	
Frederick Watt,	George Woods,	

Upon consideration of the report of the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Sarah Jones, Elizabeth Penrose, Mary Rowe, Margaret Morrison and Judith Croney, stating that their term of servitude at hard labour in the work house is expired, and praying remission of the several fines due from them to the Commonwealth,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petitions be granted.

Upon the second reading of the reports of the committees appointed on the twenty-seventh instant, to consider of and report several clauses to be inserted in a message to the General Assembly at their next meeting, relative to the Invalid Guards, the several pension laws, the subject of public roads and water communications between distant parts of the State, the revission of the laws of the State, and prolonging the time for receiving certificates in payment for arrears due upon unpatented lands; it was

Resolved, To adopt the said reports.

Mr. Potts was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month in the absence of Colonel Willing.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 30th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Frederick Watts,	John Cannon,	Esquires.
Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts and	
Abraham Smith,	William McClay,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Eleazer Oswald for twenty-two pounds nine shillings and one penny, in full of his account for six copies of the Independant Gazetteer, furnished for the use of the Council from January the seventh, 1788, till January the seventh, 1789, on each day of publication, and for inserting in the said newspapers at sundry times some of the proceedings of Council.

In favor of Robert Barnhill, for twenty pounds five shillings and ten pence payable out of the monies arising from militia fines of the county of Montgomery, being in full of his account for gunpowder, flints and catrige paper furnished for the use of the militia of the said county.

On motion,

Ordered, That the consideration of the application of Anthony Butler, for warrants for the several instalments due to Messieurs John Penn, junior, and John Penn, be postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 31st, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
Christopher Kucher,	Zebulun Potts,	
Abraham Smith,	William Maclay, and	
John Cannon,	Frederick Watts,	
George Woods,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Frederick Watt, Esquire, for thirty-seven pounds eleven shillings, in full for his attendance in Council from the tenth to the twenty-eighth of November, 1787, and from the eighth to the thirty-first of January, 1789, together with his mileage.

Upon consideration of a petition from William Hay, of Dauphine county, late Collector of Excise in the county of Lancaster,

Resolved, That the sale of the remainder of his estate for satisfaction of a debt due by him to the Commonwealth be postponed until the first Monday in April next.

Upon application of Doctor Benjamin Rush, in behalf of the Trustees of Dickinson College at Carlisle,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay to the Trustees of said College the sum of fifteen pounds, being six month interest due in October last, upon certain certificates which are the property of the said College.

Council taking into consideration the petition of Joseph Taggart, convicted of manslaughter at the present sessions of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery for the city and county of Philadelphia, praying a pardon, and also a recommendation in his favor from the Court and Jury, and the Attorney General,

Resolved, That the said Joseph Taggart be pardoned.

On motion,

Resolved, That Monday next be assigned for the consideration of the message to the General Assembly, and that on Tuesday Council will take into consideration the propriety of continuing the Invalid Guards.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 2nd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

James Read,	Nathan Dennisen,	Esquires.
Abraham Smith,	Christopher Kucher,	
William Maclay,	Frederick Watt,	
George Woods,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Cannon,	Amos Gregg,	

Mr. Woods was appointed a member of the Board of Property for the present month.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Woods, Mr. Maclay and Mr. Smith, be a Committee to consider of, and report to Council a draft of a message to the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 3rd, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	George Woods,	
James Read,	John Canuon,	
Christopher Kucher,	Nathan Dennisen, &	
Frederick Watt,	William Maclay,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Bingham, for two hundred and fifty-nine pounds seven shillings, being the amount of his account for his attendance as a member of Congress for this State, from the thirteenth of May to August the tenth, and from August the fifteenth to September the fifth, 1788, inclusively, together with his mileage, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of William Bradford, junior, Esquire, for thirty-five pounds, being a fee for his services as Attorney for the Commonwealth in three actions brought by John Denn, lessee of James Delancy, and Margaret his wife, for the recovery of certain lands in Northampton county, which were forfeited to the Commonwealth by the attainder of Andrew Allen E.

On motion,

Resolved, That the several returns of electors for choosing a President and Vice President of the United States, which have been transmitted to Council, be referred to Mr. Maclay and Mr. Smith to inspect the same, and report to Council the names of the ten persons highest in votes; which being done,

A draft of a proclamation was laid before the Board, read, and adopted, as follows, vizt:

Pennsylvania, ss:

By the President and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the said Commonwealth, passed on the fourth day of October last, entituled "An Act directing the time, places, and manner of holding elections of Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States, and for appointing Electors on the part of this State for choosing a President and Vice President of the United States," elections for such Electors were held on Wednesday, the seventh day of January last, in the city of Philadelphia, and in the several counties of this State:

And whereas, It appears from the returns transmitted to the Secretary of this Council, that Edward Hand, George Gibson, John Arndt, Collinson Read, Lawrence Keene, James Wilson, James O'Hara, David Grier, Samuel Potts, and Alexander Graydon, are highest in votes as Electors aforesaid: Now, we, the Supreme Executive Council of the said Commonwealth, do hereby make known and declare that Edward Hand, George Gibson, John Arndt, Collinson Read, Lawrence Keene, James Wilson, James O'Hara, David Grier, Samuel Potts, and Alexander Graydon, are, according to the said returns, highest in votes, and in consequence are duly elected and chosen as Electors of & for this State for choosing a President and Vice President of the United States.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, President, and the Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this third day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Commonwealth the thirteenth.

THOMAS MIFFLIN, President.

ATTEST:—CHARLES BIDDLE, Sec'ry.

The consideration of the propriety of continuing the Invalid Guard was postponed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Feb'ry 4th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	George Woods,	Esquires.
James Read,	John Cannon,	
Amos Gregg,	Nathan Dennison,	
Abraham Smith,	Zebulun Potts,	
Frederick Watt,	William Maclay,	
Christopher Kucher,		

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for sixteen pounds one shilling and six pence, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper from the first to the thirty-first day of January, 1789, and cash paid for an axe and for carrying up firewood.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 5th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	William Maclay,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Christopher Kucher	
Abraham Smith,	Frederick Watt,	
John Cannon,	Nathan Dennison,	
George Woods,	Zebulun Potts,	

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable William Maclay, Esquire, for fifty-five pounds six shillings and four pence, being the amount of his account for surveying sixteen tracts of land, on warrants issued from the Land office to the Trustees of Franklin College, agreeably to act of Assembly dated the tenth day of March, 1787, and for sundry expences, according to the Comptroller General's report.

In favor of the Honorable John Cannon, Esquire, for thirty-four pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the twenty-fourth of December, 1788, to February the seventh, 1789, inclusively.

A letter from Thomas Scott, Esquire, elected one of the Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States, signifying his wish to resign the said office, was received and read, and an order taken that the same be transmitted to the General Assembly.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Phillips, a Committee from the General Assembly, attending, were introduced, and informed Council that the General Assembly was now met, and were ready to receive any business Council might have to lay before them. The Committee were informed that a message to the House was preparing, and should be transmitted to-morrow, accompanyed by several other papers.

Upon consideration of a petition from Robert Morris, Thomas Fitzsimmons, and Joseph Ball, assignees of Lacaze and Mallet, praying Council to direct the Attorney General to appear in the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Philadelphia, and defend the right which is vested in them under the Commonwealth to certain messuages and lots of ground, late of Samuel Shoemaker, forfeited to the State by his attainder of high treason,

Resolved, That the Attorney General be authorized and instructed to appear in the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Philadelphia, and defend the right aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 6th, 1789.

PRESENT:

His Excellency THOMAS MIFFLIN, Esquire, President.

Samuel Miles,	Nathan Dennison,	Esquires.
Amos Gregg,	Zebulun Potts,	
John Cannon,	Abraham Smith,	
William Maclay,	George Woods,	
Frederick Watt,	Christopher Kucher,	

The following draft of a message to the General Assembly was laid before Council, read and approved, vizt:

A Message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN:—In pursuance of the act of Assembly passed the fourth day of October last, Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, Henry Wynkoop, Thomas Hartley, George Clymer, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Thomas Scott, Peter Muhlenberg, and Daniel Hiester, have been duly elected to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, and Edward Hand, George Gibson, John Arndt, Collinson Read, Lawrence Keene, James Wilson, James O'Hara, David Grier, Samuel Potts and Alexander Graydon, have been duly chosen as electors in behalf of this State to ballot for a President and Vice President of the United States.

No specific fund has been assigned by law for payment of the allowances granted to disabled pensioners. The Treasurer has hitherto satisfied such claims out of the unappropriated funds of the State, but the immediate charges against those funds have of late so greatly accumulated, that it is found improper to continue the additional payments to the pensioners, more especially as a diminution of the said funds will necessarily be produced by the operation of the new government. If, therefore, it is intended that the allowances to the corps of Invalids and to other pensioners of the State shall be continued, it will be necessary to make provision by law for those purposes.

The difficulties which frequently occur from the present confused state of our laws, render in our opinion a revision and arrangement of the acts of General Assembly highly proper.

Alterations are often made by acts whose titles bear no relation to the act which is altered; some acts have become obselete from the change or cessation of their objects, and many have expired by their own limitations, while the constant multiplication of supplements has greatly increased the size and perplexity of our code of laws. We are, therefore, of opinion that the appointment of a

person of competent legal talents to digest and arrange them into a regular and concise system will be of great utility.

We are informed that many industrious inhabitants who are conscientiously opposed to the test law, and who consider it as creating an invidious and improper distinction between citizen and citizen, have left the State, and that many others of the same opinion are preparing to follow them. While our neighbours are giving every encouragement to settlers within their boundaries. The Legislature of Pennsylvania will no doubt endeavour to remove causes of uneasiness on the part of her citizens so far at least as is consistent with the security and reputation of the State.

As the act of Assembly entituled "An Act for facilitating the redemption of the bills of credit emitted in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and for redeeming part of the funded debt of the State by the speedy collection of the arrearages due for unpatented lands which were located before the declaration of Independency," will expire on the tenth day of April next. We recommend the extension of that law in the present session, and submit to the consideration of the General Assembly the expediency of limiting the time for receiving in the Land Office, certificates which have not been given for original debts of this State.

The improvement of the public roads being under the consideration of the General Assembly, the late purchase of land on the south side of Lake Erie will naturally call their attention to that quarter.

A communication between Presque Isle, (which is included in that purchase,) and the city of Philadelphia will, in our opinion, prove of the greatest utility to the public.

That communication may be best effected by joining the heads of the West Branch of Susquehanna with the sources of the Allegany river, between which it is said there is a short portage; the most convenient portage from the Susquehanna to the Schuylkill has been thought by persons of credit and information, to be between the Sweetara and Tulpehoccon.

We are informed that the river Delaware at a very moderate expence may be made navigable to the northern extremity of Pennsylvania, by which means an extensive country, at this time containing many valuable settlements and hitherto of little use to the State, will be brought to communicate with the capital, and afford a considerable supply of those articles which form the principal staples of Pennsylvania.

Several petitions for the continuation of the Frankstown road to Philadelphia by the way of Sunbury and Reading, are herewith transmitted. Many respectable citizens wish for a continuation of the same road by Huntingdon and down Juniata; Council are of opinion that the roads proposed would be beneficial to the public.

The navigation of the Lehigh and the roads leading from thence to Nescopeck and Wyoming, on the East Branch of Susquehanna,

are also objects of considerable consequence to the trade of the State.

A letter from his Excellency Beverly Randolph, Esquire, inclosing a letter from the Speakers of the Senate and General Assembly of the State of Virginia, with a copy of the application agreed to by the General Assembly, to be made to the Congress of the United States.

A letter from Henry Knox, Esquire, Secretary at War, with the act of Congress of the twelfth of August last, to which it refers. The petition of Ebenezer Frothingham, in behalf of himself and other officers. A representation from the Auctioneers of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, relative to a diminution of a branch of the public revenue. The report of a Committee of Council appointed to visit the jail of the city and county of Philadelphia. A letter from Thomas Scott, Esquire, lately elected a representative of this State in the Congress of the United States, containing his resignation. And the Comptroller General's report of the annual expences of the corps of Invalids, exclusive of their pensions, with an estimate of the expence of performing the services required of that corps by watchmen, under the direction of the City Wardens, are herewith transmitted.

THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Council Chamber,
Philadelphia, February 6th, 1789.

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